Resident Bedroom

(K) "Habitable floor area" means the clear floor area of a room and the floor area occupied by the usual bedroom furniture, such as beds, chairs, dressers, and tables and does not include the floor area occupied by wardrobes unless the wardrobe is of the resident’s own choice and it is in addition to the individual closet space in the resident’s room, and areas partitioned off in the room such as closets and toilet rooms.

(A) Each resident, if the resident so chooses, shall be provided with an individual bed not less than thirty-six inches wide, a clean comfortable mattress and clean pillows, sheets, and covering suitable for the season. A nursing home shall arrange for the provision of at least a double size bed, upon request of a married couple or other consenting adult residents sharing a room in accordance with the nursing home’s policy, unless there is an overriding documented medical reason that puts one of the consenting parties at risk of health and safety or there is a risk to other residents. Mattresses shall be protected with waterproof material unless otherwise ordered by a physician. Roll away beds and cots shall not be used as beds. All mattresses purchased or obtained by the nursing home, or brought to the nursing home by residents, shall be of safe construction.

(B) Unless otherwise ordered by a physician, each resident shall be provided with a bedside table, a bedside light that is sufficient for reading and staff rendering of bedside care, a bureau or equivalent, a comfortable chair, and adequate closet or wardrobe space for the storage of personal clothing in the resident’s room. A nursing home may provide additional storage space for resident belongings elsewhere in the nursing home. Resident rooms shall be designed or equipped to assure full visual privacy for each resident except nursing homes in operation on the effective date of this rule have one year to comply with this requirement. For the purposes of this paragraph, "full visual privacy" means that the resident has a means of completely withdrawing from public view while occupying their bed through such means as a curtain, moveable screens or private room.

(G) The nursing home shall provide a safe, clean, comfortable and homelike environment allowing each resident to use personal belongings to the extent possible. Residents may refuse furnishings, equipment and supplies provided by the nursing home. The nursing home shall allow residents to bring their own furnishings and other personal items into the home to personalize their individual environment if the furnishings and items do not create a health and safety risk, are not medically inadvisable, or infringe upon the rights of other residents. Upon request, the nursing home shall assist the resident in obtaining essential furnishings and supplies.

(A) In every building where there is a nursing home, the premises of which were initially licensed by the state as a nursing home prior to December 22, 1964 and have been in continuous operation since being initially licensed, every room occupied for sleeping purposes by one person shall have a habitable floor area of not less than eighty square feet and every room occupied for sleeping purposes by more than one person shall have a habitable floor area of not less than seventy square feet per person.

(B) In every building or addition to a building, erected or converted to use or initially licensed as a home after December 22, 1964, every room occupied for sleeping purposes by one person shall
have a habitable floor area of not less than one hundred square feet and every room occupied for
sleeping purposes by more than one person shall have a habitable floor area of not less than eighty
square feet per person. In every building occupied as a home on December 22, 1964, every room
added for sleeping purposes shall comply with this paragraph. Any building used as a home which
is discontinued for such use shall, if such use is resumed, comply with this paragraph.

(C) Except as provided for in paragraphs (E) and (F) of this rule, in every building licensed by the
state as a nursing home on December 22, 1964, no room, ward, section, or similar division used for
sleeping purposes by residents shall be occupied by more than twelve residents.

(D) In every building or addition thereto, erected or converted to use or initially licensed as a
nursing home after December 22, 1964, no room, ward, section, or similar division used for
sleeping purposes by residents shall be occupied by more than six residents except as provided for
in paragraphs (E) and (F) of this rule. Any building used as a nursing home which is discontinued
for such use after the effective date of this rule shall, if such use is resumed, comply with paragraph
(F) of this rule.

(E) All nursing homes existing and operating on the effective date of this rule shall have four years
from the effective date of this rule to comply with the following provisions if, within one year of the
effective date of this rule, the nursing home submits a plan to the director, outlining the steps to be
taken to bring the home into compliance:
(1) No room, ward, section, or similar division used for sleeping purposes by residents shall be
occupied by more than four residents; and
(2) Every room occupied for sleeping purposes by two or more persons shall have a habitable floor
area of not less than eighty square feet per person.

Toilet Area

(LL) "Toilet room" means a room or rooms conforming to the Ohio building code, and including not
less than one of each of the following plumbing fixtures: water closet, shower or bathtub and a
lavatory which is located in or adjacent to the room in which the water closet is located.

(E) Where toilet rooms are not available in connection with each room occupied for sleeping
purposes, there shall be not less than one toilet room readily accessible from public spaces in each
occupied story.

(F) Where there are more than four persons of one sex to be accommodated in one toilet room on a
floor, a toilet room shall be provided on that floor for that sex. (G) Except as provided in paragraphs
(E) and (F) of this rule, toilet rooms shall conform to the Ohio building code.

(H) Toilet rooms and all the facilities therein shall, at all times, be kept in good repair, in a clean and
sanitary condition, free from filth and accumulation of waste, and shall be provided with a supply of
toilet tissue. Each hand washing basin shall be provided with a soap dispenser. Toilet rooms shall
be designed or equipped to assure full visual privacy for each resident.

(I) Grab rails and other safety devices such as non-slip surfaces shall be provided and maintained in
good repair.

(C) Lavatories, bathing facilities, and shower facilities shall be supplied with hot and cold running
water and shall be regulated by approved devices for temperature control. The hot water
temperature shall be a minimum of one hundred five degrees Fahrenheit and not exceed one
hundred and twenty degrees Fahrenheit.
New Construction: Room and Bath

(J) In every building or addition to a building constructed or converted to use as a nursing home after the effective date of this rule, there shall be one toilet room directly accessible from and exclusively for each resident sleeping room except the hand washing basin may be located in either the toilet room or the sleeping room.

(F) In every building or addition to a building, erected or converted to use or initially licensed as a home two hundred and seventy days or more after the effective date of this rule, every room occupied for sleeping purposes by residents shall be occupied by no more than two residents and shall be designed to assure full visual privacy, as defined in paragraph (B) of rule 3701-17-16 of the Administrative Code, for each resident.

Summary: Minimum Bed Size (Single), Minimum Bed Size for Married Couple, Other Consenting Adults; Linens; Minimum Lighting, Furnishings; Resident May Provide Own; Minimum Room Size (Date-Specific); Compliance Timeline; Beds per Room (Date-Specific); Toilet Room Capacity; Grab Bars