Resident Bedroom

44.1 Resident rooms shall be designed with a personalized, homelike environment, and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort and privacy of residents with no more than two (2) beds per room. At least five percent (5%) of the total beds (per unit or per facility) shall be located in single-bed rooms, each with a private bathing facility and toilet.

a) Single bedrooms shall be no less than 100 square feet in area and no less than eight feet wide exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves or vestibules. In new construction, single bedrooms shall be no less than 120 square feet in area.

b) Multi-bedrooms shall be no less than 160 square feet in area and no less than ten feet wide, exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves or vestibules. In new construction, multi-bedrooms shall be no less than 200 square feet in area.

44.2 Each room shall have a window which can be easily opened. The window sill shall not be higher than 3’0” above the floor and shall be above grade level.

44.3 The size of each window shall be no less than 2'6" wide by 4'5" high, double hung or an approved equivalent.

44.4 Each room shall have direct access to a corridor and outside exposure with the window at or above grade level.

44.10 Complete privacy shall be provided to each resident in semi-private rooms by the use of overhead type fire resistive screens and/or cubicle fire resistive curtains suspended by inset overhead tracks in accordance with reference 16.

a) When overhead type screens and/or cubicle curtains are not provided, each semi-private room shall be equipped with a fire resistive portable screen.

44.11 Each resident must be provided with a bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the resident, with a clean, comfortable mattress, bedside stand, comfortable chair, dresser and individual closet space for clothing with clothes racks and shelves accessible to residents in each room, and a reading lamp equipped with bulb of adequate candlepower.

a) Bedding including bedspread, shall be seasonally appropriate.

44.12 In all situations where physical configuration is not comfortable to adequate nursing care, comfort or privacy in the application of the above standards, the licensing agency shall be the ultimate authority in determining standards to be applied.

Toilet Area

44.5 Lavatories and bathing areas to be used by the handicapped shall be equipped with grab-bars for the safety of the residents and shall meet the requirements of reference 15.

44.6 All facilities constructed after the 20th of March 1977 shall have as a minimum, connecting toilet rooms between residents' rooms in accordance with the requirements of section 38.0 herein. In all facilities constructed after 1 August 2001, patient toilet rooms shall be equipped with facilities
for cleaning bedpans.
a) However, in facilities constructed prior to 20 March 1977, there shall be no less than one toilet per eight beds or fraction thereof on each floor where resident rooms are located.

44.7 Separate lavatory and toilet facilities shall be provided for employees and the general public commensurate with the needs of the facility.

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

**Summary:** Windows; Minimum Room Size; Fire Resistive Screens/Curtains; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Seasonally Appropriate Bedding; Adequate Lighting; Privacy; Grab Bars; Access to Toilet Rooms; Toilet Room Capacity (Date-Specific)