Resident Bedroom

44:04:02:08. **Linen.** The supply of bed linen and towels shall equal three times the licensed capacity. The supply of bed linen for an assisted living center shall equal two times the licensed capacity. There must be written procedures for the storage and handling of soiled and clean linens.

44:04:02:18. **Area requirements for currently licensed patient/resident rooms.** Each currently licensed patient or resident room must have at least 75 square feet (6.98 square meters) of floor space per bed, with at least 3 feet (0.91 meters) between beds in multi-bed rooms exclusive of closets and wardrobes; and 95 square feet (8.83 square meters) in single rooms, exclusive of closets and wardrobes. Each patient or resident must have for individual use in the assigned room a bed, a bedside stand, and a chair appropriate to the needs and comfort of the patient or resident. Hospitals must have 20 square feet (1.86 square meters) of general storage for each bed. Nursing facilities and assisted living centers must have 10 square feet (0.93 square meters) of general storage for each bed. A total of 37.5 square feet (3.48 square meters) of recreational, activity, dining, and occupational therapy area for each bed and each day care patient must be provided in nursing facilities and assisted living centers. Facilities must be constructed, equipped, and operated to maintain the privacy and dignity of all patients or residents. In multi-bed rooms, each bed must be able to be separated from the other beds by privacy curtains.

Toilet Area

44:04:02:07. **Handwashing facilities.** Handwashing facilities consisting of hot and cold running water dispensed through a mixing faucet controlled with blade handles or other handsfree controls, a towel dispenser with single-service towels or a hand-drying device, and hand cleanser must be located in dietary areas, utility rooms, nurses’ stations, pharmacies, laboratories, nurseries, surgical suites, delivery suites, physical therapy rooms, restorative therapy rooms, examination and treatment rooms, emergency rooms, laundry, and all toilet rooms not directly connected to patient or resident rooms. A handwashing facility must be provided in each patient or resident room or in a bath or toilet room connected directly to the room. If existing faucets and controls are replaced or changed, they must be replaced with mixing faucets controlled with blade handles or other handsfree controls.

(2) Provide securely constructed and conveniently located grab bars in all toilet rooms and bathing areas used by patients or residents;

New Construction: Room and Bath

44:04:13:02. **Patient or resident rooms.** A patient or resident room must meet the following requirements:

(1) A maximum room capacity not exceeding two patients or residents;
(2) A minimum area, exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, or vestibules, of 120 square feet (10.8 square meters) in one-bed rooms and 200 square feet (18.58 square meters) in two-bed rooms. Sleeping rooms designed as part of a suite of rooms must have a minimum area of 100 square feet in one-bed rooms and 180 square feet in two-bed rooms;
(3) Each bed in two-bed rooms must have cubicle curtains or equivalent built-in devices for full
visual privacy that allow access to the toilet room and corridor without entering the roommates space. Assisted living centers are not required to provide privacy curtains in two-bed rooms unless requested by the resident;

4) Have a window whose sill is not higher than 3 feet (0.91 meters) above the floor. The floor must be above grade;

5) Have a call button at each bed for nurses’ calling stations;

6) Have a toilet room and lavatory. Patient or resident toilet rooms must be directly accessible for each patient or resident without going through the general corridor. In remodeling projects, one toilet room with handsinks in patient or resident rooms may serve two patient or resident rooms, but not more than four beds. For new construction, toilet rooms may not be shared between patient or resident rooms. The lavatory may be omitted from the toilet room if one is provided in each patient or resident room. The minimum dimensions of any room containing only a water closet are 3 feet by 6 feet (0.91 meters by 1.83 meters). All new construction of toilet rooms must meet accessibility standards required in § 44:04:13:01;

7) Have a locker or closet for each patient or resident; and

8) Have each patient or resident room door located not more than 150 feet (45.72 meters) from the nurse’s station.

Modification of the requirements listed in subdivisions (1) to (8), inclusive, of this section may be approved for special care rooms by the department after receipt of a written request.

44:04:13:10. Doors. Any door to a patient or resident room toilet or bathroom must be equipped with hardware which will permit access in any emergency. A pocket or sliding door may not be installed except on a clothes closet in a patient or resident room. Any door opening onto a corridor, except an elevator door, must be hinged on the side. Alcoves and similar spaces which generally do not require doors are excluded from this requirement. No door may swing into the corridor except a closet door. Thresholds and expansion joint covers, if used, must be flush with the floor. Any cross-corridor door must be provided with vision panels.

Summary: Beds per Room; Minimum Room Size; Bed Spacing; Window Height; Call Button; Nursing Station Distance; Storage; Doors; Grab Bars; Handwashing Facilities