State Regulations for Room & Bath

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ALABAMA

Resident Bedroom

(f) There shall be a minimum of twenty feet of clear space measured perpendicularly between a resident bedroom window and any structure outside the window.

2. Night lights shall be provided in bedrooms, hallways, toilet rooms and bathrooms. Glowing toggle switches are acceptable in toilet rooms and bathrooms.

(m) Each room occupied by residents shall have a ceiling height of eight feet or more (does not include furred area).

Bedroom doors shall not be equipped with hardware that will permit a resident to lock himself within the room. Bedroom doors shall open into the bedroom. Resident bedrooms shall be ventilated in such a manner as to supply fresh air and to prevent accumulation of objectionable odors.

Toilet Area

— Hardware on all toilet and bathroom doors shall be operable from outside the room.
— To avoid danger of a resident falling and blocking the swing of a door, all doors to residents’ central baths and toilets shall swing out or be double-acting and equipped with an emergency stop release.

New Construction: Room and Bath

A peripheral view of the exterior shall be provided from newly constructed bedrooms.

Summary: Minimum Area Between Window and Outside Structure; Exterior View (New Construction); Provision of Night Lights and Toggle Switches; Minimum Ceiling Height; Prevention of Odors; No Locks; Direction of Door Opening

ALASKA
(f) Bed space under construction on or after November 19, 1983 must contain,
(1) for each patient, fixed available oxygen, suction, a bedlight, and a closet;
(3) for each bed in a multiple-bed room, cubicle curtain tracks.

(g) Facilities in existence before January 1, 1995, will be allowed a variance of 10 square feet from
the standards for square footage of patient rooms required by Guidelines for Design and
Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities, adopted by reference in (b)(1) of this section.

**Toilet Area**

(2) for every two patients, a lavatory with fixtures and adjacent toilet;

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

**Summary:** Presence of Closet, Supplies, and Equipment; Curtains for Each Bed; Variances in Square
Footage for Facilities Built Before 1995

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**ARIZONA**

Resident Bedroom

4. A resident room has a window to the outside with window coverings for controlling light and
visual privacy, and the location of the window permits a resident to see outside from a sitting
position;

5. A nursing care institution has no more than two beds in a resident room unless:
a. The nursing care institution was operating before October 31, 1982, and
b. The resident room has not undergone a modification as defined in 9 A.A.C. 10, Article 1;

6. A resident room or a suite of rooms is accessible without passing through another resident’s
room;

7. A resident room or a suite of rooms does not open into any area where food is prepared, served,
or stored;

8. A resident room that has more than one bed has a curtain or similar type of separation between
the beds for privacy;

9. A resident room has a closet with clothing racks and shelves accessible to the resident;

10. A resident has a separate bed, a nurse call system and furniture to meet the resident's needs;

2. If applicable, a sign is placed at the entrance to a room or area indicating that oxygen is in use;

**Toilet Area**
New Construction: Room and Bath

Summary: Beds per Room (Date-Specific); Nurse Call System; Location of Resident Rooms; Privacy Curtains; Storage; Window with Exterior View

Resident Bedroom

Doors shall swing into rooms except closet, toilet, and exit doors. The doors to all rooms, toilets, baths, and closets shall be legibly marked with names or numbers, as appropriate to identify the area.

405.1 Standard patient rooms shall not have more than five (5) beds.

405.2 Single standard patient rooms shall measure at least one-hundred (100) square feet. Multi-patient rooms shall provide a minimum of seventy-two (72) square feet per bed. Patient beds shall be located in rooms and placed at least three (3) feet apart in all directions and so located as to avoid contamination (respiratory droplets), drafts, excessive heat, or other discomfort to patients, to provide adequate room for nursing procedures and to minimize the transmission of disease.

405.5 Each patient room shall have direct access to a corridor.

405.6 Rooms extending below ground level shall not be used for patients unless they are dry, well ventilated by required window space, and are otherwise suitable for occupancy. Non-ambulatory patients may not be housed below ground level.

405.7 Each patient room shall have a window not less than one-sixteenth (1/16) of the floor space or outside door arranged and located so that it can be opened from the inside. The window shall be so located that the patients have a reasonable outside view.

405.8 Each patient shall be provided with storage space, closet, or other enclosed space, within his/her room, for clothing and other possessions.

Toilet Area

405.3 Each standard patient room shall be equipped with or conveniently located near adequate toilet and bathing facilities; at least four (4) patients toilet facilities and three bathing units shall be provided for each thirty-five (35) beds. Each toilet facility shall be in a separate stall. Toilets shall be equipped with hand-washing facilities and toilet paper hangers.

405.4 Each standard patient room shall have hand-washing facilities with both hot and cold running water, unless adequately provided in a nearby room.

New Construction: Room and Bath

427 STANDARD PATIENT ROOM AND TOILET DESIGN
427.1 Built-in closets shall be provided in each patient room for storage of clothing and other possessions.

427.2 Each patient bed shall be provided with a suitable fixed light equipped with a noncombustible shade to prevent direct glare for reading or other purposes, and capable of being switched on and off by the patient.

427.3 To ensure privacy in multi-patient rooms, each bed shall be provided with fixed flame retardant cubicle curtain.

427.4 Each patient room shall have an adequate toilet, bathing and hand-washing facility with hot and cold running water unless provided in an adjacent room.

427.5 Each room has direct access to a corridor and outside exposure, with the floor at or above grade level.

427.6 Every patient unit shall be provided with a bedside cabinet with at least two enclosed storage spaces. The top drawer shall be for storage of personal items and the bottom for individually assigned bedpans, urinals, etc.

427.7 Standard patient rooms shall measure at least one-hundred (100) square feet. Multi-patient rooms shall provide a minimum of eighty (80) square feet per bed.

427.8 Multi-patient rooms shall be limited to four beds.

451 FURNISHINGS

451.1 Each patient’s bed unit, bath and toilet shall be provided with a standard type, buzzer/light, nurses’ call signal, or, alternatively when a wireless nurse call system is utilized, a call button designed to operate with the wireless nurse call system.

451.2 Each bed shall be provided with a light with a non-combustible shade to prevent direct glare for reading or other purposes.

451.3 To ensure privacy in multi-patient rooms, each bed shall be provided with flame retardant cubicle curtains; in existing facilities, partitions or free-standing folding screens may be used.

451.4 Each patient shall be provided with a rigid single bed in good repair measuring a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches in width. Beds shall be provided with three inch casters and at least two (2) of the four (4) casters shall be of the locking type. (Roll-away beds, cots, or folding beds are not acceptable.) The beds shall be equipped with a comfortable pillow and comfortable, firm mattress at least five (5) inches thick and shall be covered with a moisture repellant material. There shall be hospital type adjustable beds available for patients receiving bed nursing care.

451.5 Each patient shall be provided with a bedside table with a compartment or drawer For personal belongings, such as, soap, hairbrushes, combs, toothbrush and Dentifrice, and a lower enclosed compartment for storage of individual bedpan or Urinal (open-shelved stands are not acceptable.).

451.6 A comfortable chair shall be provided for each licensed bed and be available at The bedside unless contraindicated by the patient’s condition.
451.7 each window shall be provided with a shade or flame retardant curtains.

451.8 bed rails shall be provided for bed patients and disoriented patients.

451.9 furniture and play equipment used in the care of children shall be painted with Lead free paint.

451.10 all wastebaskets shall be the metal type.

452 linens and bedding

452.1 extra pillows shall be available as need for treatment and/or comfort of patients.

452.2 moisture proof rubber or plastic sheeting shall be provided as necessary to keep Mattress of pillows clean or dry.

452.3 a supply of clean bed linen shall be available at all times. A minimum of two Clean sheets and one pillowcase shall be provided for each bed on a weekly basis. Linens shall be changed as often as necessary in order to keep the patients clean, Comfortable, and dry.

452.4 each bed shall be covered with a suitable bedspread or blanket at least during the Hours of the day when the bed is not occupied.

452.5 the minimum supply of linen based on patient capacity shall be:
- Sheets -- four (4) times bed capacity
- Draw sheets -- three (3) times bed capacity
- Pillowcases -- three (3) times bed capacity
- Bath towels -- two (2) per patient per week
- Washcloths -- four (4) per patient per week
- Bedspreads or blankets -- two (2) time bed capacity

452.6 blankets shall be provided to assure the warmth of each patient and shall be laundered to assure cleanliness and freedom from odors. The blankets shall be individually assigned to patients and not passed indiscriminately to patients without first being laundered.

Summary: beds per room; minimum square feet per bed; handwashing in each room; hot and cold water; rooms below ground level; minimum window size; reasonable outside view; storage; closet space (new construction); minimum furnishings specified; flame-retardant window coverings; minimum linens specified; blankets assigned; door signage; direction of door opening

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Resident bedroom

S 72607. Patient capacity.
(a) a facility shall not have more patients or beds set up for use than the number for which it is licensed except in case of emergency when temporary permission may be granted by the director or designee.

(b) patients shall not be housed in areas which have not been approved by the Department for Patient Housing and which have not been given a fire clearance by the State fire marshal except as provided in (a) above.

(c) the number of licensed beds shown on a license shall not exceed the number of beds for which the facility meets applicable construction and operational requirements.

(a) each patient room shall be labeled with a number, letter or combination of the two for identification.

(b) patients' rooms shall not be kept locked when occupied except in rooms approved by the department for seclusion of psychiatric patients.

d) patient rooms approved for use by ambulatory patients only shall be identified as follows: the words "reserved for ambulatory patient" in letters at least 1.25 centimeters (one-half inch) high shall be posted on the outside of the door or on the wall alongside the door where they are visible to persons entering the room.

(a) each patient room shall be provided with a closet or locker space for clothing, toilet articles and other personal belongings.

(b) for each licensed bed there shall be provided:
(1) a clean comfortable bed with an adequate mattress, sheets, pillow, pillow case and blankets, all of which shall be in good repair, and consistent with individual patient needs.
(2) a bedside table, chair, overbed table and reading light all of which shall be in good repair. Visual privacy for each patient shall be provided to meet the requirements of section T17-070 of title 24. Doors providing access to the corridor shall not be considered as meeting this requirement.

(b) all patient rooms shall have a minimum of 30 foot candles of light delivered to reading or working surfaces and not less than 20 foot candles of light in the rest of the room.

Toilet area

(g) grab bars, readily accessible to patients, shall be maintained at each toilet, bathtub and shower used by patients.

(h) toilet, handwashing and bathing facilities shall be maintained in operating condition and in the number and types specified in construction requirements in effect at the time the building or unit was constructed. Those handwashing facilities listed in section T17-208, division T17, part 6, of title 24, California administrative code, shall not be equipped with aerators.

(i) if the facility accepts physically handicapped patients, the water closets, bathing and toileting appliances shall be equipped for use by the physically handicapped.

New construction: room and bath
Summary: patient capacity; numbered/lettered patient room id; no locks except seclusion; ambulatory patient rooms identified; bedding and linens; minimum furnishings specified; grab bars in toilet room; accessibility of toilet and handwashing facilities

COLORADO

Resident bedroom

21.4 resident linen supply. Linen supply (top and bottom sheets, pillowcases, washcloths, bath and face towels) shall be at least three complete changes times the number of licensed beds. All linens shall be maintained clean, in good repair.

Toilet area

New construction: room and bath

Summary: linen supply specified

CONNECTICUT

Resident bedroom

B. Resident rooms. Each resident room shall meet the following minimum Requirements:

(1) net minimum room clear floor area exclusive of closets, toilet rooms, Lockers or wardrobes and vestibule shall be one-hundred and fifty (150) Square feet in single rooms and one-hundred and twenty-five (125) Square feet per bed in multi-bed rooms. Minimum dimensions of rooms Shall not be less than eleven feet (11').
(2) no resident room shall be designed to permit more than two (2) beds.
(3) windows. Sills shall not be higher than three feet (3') above the finished Floor. Insulated window glass or approved storm windows shall be Provided.
(4) the room furnishing for each resident room shall include a bed with a Firm water-proof mattress, bedside stand, reading light, dresser or bureau With mirror and one (1) comfortable chair.
(5) each resident's wardrobe or closet shall have a minimum clear Dimension of one foot-ten inches deep by one foot-eight inches wide (1' 10" deep by 1' 8" wide) with full length hanging space, clothes rod and Shelf.
(6) all resident rooms shall open to a common corridor (sheltered path of Egress) which leads directly to the outside.
(7) doors shall be three feet (3’) wide and swing into the room.
(8) ceiling height shall not be less than eight feet (8’) above the finished Floor.
(9) a resident unit shall be twenty-five (25) beds or fraction thereof.

Q. Each resident room shall be numbered; the number, together with the licensed Capacity of each room, shall be posted by each door. The census shall not Exceed the number for which the license is issued, nor shall the number of Residents in any room exceed the licensed capacity of that room.

Toilet area

D. Resident toilet rooms.

(1) a toilet room with lavatory shall be directly accessible from each resident Room and from each central bathing area without going through the General corridor. One (1) toilet room may serve two (2) resident rooms But not more than four (4) beds.
(2) grab bars shall be provided at all waterclosets.
(3) doors to toilet rooms shall have a minimum clear width of three feet (3’).

New construction: room and bath

Summary: minimum floor area; beds per room; maximum room capacity; minimum furnishings specified; toilet rooms per resident; doors; location of rooms; windows; ceiling height

Resident bedroom

7.4.2.1 Each resident shall be provided with a reading light. At least one bedroom light shall be controlled by a switch at the bedroom entrance.

7.4.2.2 The facility shall provide at least one room with private toilet and hand washing sink for residents who require isolation.

7.7.2 The facility shall provide each resident with:

7.7.2.1 A hospital bed of appropriate size with a mattress covered with non-porous material. Modifications or attachments to the bed shall conform to manufacturer’s specifications.

7.7.2.2 A bedside stand with a drawer and storage space for a bedpan, urinal, emesis basin and washbasin.

7.7.2.3 A minimum of two drawers in a dresser or chest of drawers.

7.7.2.4 A closet or wardrobe.

7.7.2.5 A chair suitable for resident relaxation.
7.7.2.6 An over-bed table.

7.7.3 The facility shall provide cubicle curtains around each bed in bedrooms occupied by more than one resident.

**Toilet Area**

7.4.3.1 Bathroom walls and floors shall be impervious to water. Bathrooms shall have at least one window or mechanical ventilation exhausted to the outside.

7.4.3.4 Each resident's room shall have direct access to a hand washing sink and a toilet.

7.4.3.5 A wall-mounted hand grip shall be provided at each resident toilet, bath tub and shower.

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

**Summary** Minimum Furnishings Specified; Access to Toilets and Handwashing Sinks; Storage

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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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**Resident Bedroom**

3234.10 Every habitable room shall contain windows of size, area, and specifications in accordance with the 1996 BOCA National Building Code.

3234.11 In habitable rooms, windows shall be of openable type, with sills no higher than three (3) feet above the floor.

**3246. RESIDENT BEDROOMS**

Title 22 District of Columbia Municipal Regulations

3246.1 Each resident bedroom shall be designed and equipped for providing adequate nursing care, comfort, and privacy of residents.

3246.2 Each bedroom shall provide a personal, home-like atmosphere which includes the use of an eye-level mirror, and other personal belongings.

3246.3 Each bedroom shall have direct access to a corridor and at least one (1) window to the outside.

3246.4 No resident bedroom shall be located on a floor that is below grade level.
3246.5 If the room is not for single occupancy, each bed shall have flameproof ceiling suspended curtains which extend around each bed in order to provide the resident total visual privacy, in combination with adjacent walls and curtains.

3246.6 Each bedroom shall be equipped for each resident with the following minimum items:
(a) A separate bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the resident and appropriate to the resident’s physical condition;
(b) A clean, comfortable mattress;
(c) Bedding appropriate to the weather and climate;
(d) Functional furniture appropriate to the resident’s needs and individual closet space with clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident;
(e) A call system meeting the requirements of section 3245.10;
(f) A bedside table or cabinet with some lockable storage space; and
(g) One (1) chair.

3246.7 One (1) or more bedrooms shall be designated, when needed, as isolation facilities for any resident who has an infectious or contagious disease.

3246.8 Each resident room shall be ventilated and shall have separate, adjacent toilet and bathing facilities.

3246.10 At least three (3) feet of space shall be maintained between a resident’s bed and the next bed, between a resident’s bed and the door and between the foot of a resident’s bed and the wall.
Title 22 District of Columbia Municipal Regulations

3246.11 Each multiple-occupancy room shall provide no less than eighty (80) square feet per resident, exclusive of closets, toilet rooms, wardrobes, and vestibules.

3246.12 Each single-occupancy room shall provide no less than one-hundred (100) square feet per resident, exclusive of closets, wardrobes, toilet rooms, and vestibules.

3246.13 Each resident bedroom shall be designated by distinct letters or numbers on the door or the wall beside the door.

Toilet Area

3247. RESIDENT TOILETS AND BATHROOM

3247.1 A toilet room shall be directly accessible from each resident’s room and from each central bathing area without going through the general corridor.

3247.2 One (1) toilet room may serve two (2) resident rooms, but not more than four (4) beds.

3247.3 The sink may be omitted from the toilet room if a sink is provided in the room of the resident served by the toilet room.

3247.4 Each sink shall be installed with a proper trap in order to prevent its drain from clogging.

3247.5 Grab bars shall be installed in each toilet and bathing compartment.

3247.6 Each toilet and bathroom shall be equipped with sturdily mounted handrails in order to provide adequate assistance to each resident.
3247.7 Each bathtub shall be safe for use by residents.

3247.8 Door hardware on each toilet stall shall be of the type that shall operate both from the inside and outside.

3247.9 Connection to the nurses call system shall be provided in each toilet, tub, and shower stall and in each toilet room or wash room that is used by a resident.

3247.11 Each toilet, shower, or tub shall be installed in a separate stall or room.

3247.12 No less than one (1) one bath tub or shower shall be provided for every twenty (20) residents not otherwise served by bathing facilities Title 22 District of Columbia Municipal Regulations in resident rooms.

3247.13 When multiple toilets are installed in the same room, sinks shall be provided in the ratio of at least one (1) for every three (3) toilets or urinals.

3247.14 In multiple installations, urinals may be substituted for toilets in male bathrooms in compliance with the 1995 BOCA International Plumbing Code.

3247.15 No resident toilet or bathing unit shall be used by staff.

3247.16 There shall be adequate clearance space at the front and each of the sides of the toilet, as well as adequate room for other fixtures and equipment, as needed.

3247.17 In common living or dining areas on floors where no residents live, at least one (1) toilet and one (1) sink shall be provided for each sex, for every fifty (50) residents. These toilets shall be located adjacent to the common areas.

3247.18 Rooms shall not be arranged in the facility so that the sole entrance or exit from any bedroom or bathroom is by way of any other bedroom, bathroom, or foodhandling area.

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

3246.9 Each new facility and each facility proposing renovation that involves reconfiguration of resident rooms shall be designed so that each resident bedroom shall have no more than two (2) occupants.

3246.14 In each new facility telephone jacks shall be installed in each resident room.

**Summary:** Eye-Level Mirror; Minimum Furniture Specified; Window Height; Room Location; Privacy Curtains; Home-Like Atmosphere; Square Footage; Telephone Jacks (New Construction); Toilet Facilities per Resident

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**FLORIDA**

Resident Bedroom

420.3.3.4 Each resident room shall have a minimum of 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of clear floor area per bed in a double occupancy resident room and 120 square feet (11.15 m²) of clear floor area in a
single occupancy resident room, exclusive of the space consumed by the toilet room, closet(s), wardrobe(s), lavatory(ies), alcove(s), and either the space for the door swing(s) into the room or the space for entrance vestibule, whichever is greater. For the purpose of determining the minimum clear floor area, the entrance vestibule is defined as that floor area located between the room entrance door and the room floor area containing the resident bed(s).

420.3.3.6 For planning purposes, a full-size bed is assumed to be 3 feet 6 inches (1.07 m) wide by 8 feet (2.43 m) long.

420.3.3.7 A 3 feet (0.91 m) wide clear access space to each bed shall be provided along at least 75 percent of the length of one side of the bed and shall be designed to allow access for the use of a wheelchair and other portable equipment.

420.3.3.8 For a bed equipped with a piped in medical gas headwall unit, there shall be a minimum of 3 feet clearance (0.91 m) along the entire length of the bed between both sides and foot of the bed and any other bed, wall or any other fixed obstruction.

420.3.3.9 The dimensions and arrangement of each resident room shall be such that at least two bed locations are designed to accommodate resident personal choice. All such alternate bed locations shall meet the clearance requirements of section 420.3.3.7 and shall be designed so the bed will not obstruct access to the supporting utilities serving the bed including the nurse call station, individual reading lamp or fixture, and the required electrical outlets that provide service for the bed or other equipment. In a double occupancy resident room, only one bed must meet this requirement and any bed equipped with a piped in medical gas headwall unit shall meet Section 420.3.3.8 and is exempt from this requirement.

420.3.3.10 The configuration of each resident room shall be designed to meet one of the following models:

420.3.3.10.1 Institutional design model. If a double occupancy resident room is designed where the beds are located side by side, there shall be a minimum clearance of 3 feet (0.91 m) between both sides of each bed and any wall or any other fixed furniture, fixed obstruction or adjacent bed for at least 75% of the length of the bed, and a clearance of 3 feet 8 inches (1.11 m) to any fixed furniture, fixed obstruction, or adjacent bed at the foot of each bed to permit the passage of equipment or beds.

420.3.3.10.1.1 At a minimum visual privacy shall be provided for each person by the installation of flame-retardant cubicle curtains or equivalent built-in devices.

420.3.3.10.1.2 The design for privacy shall not restrict resident access at any time to the room entrance, resident armchair, toilet or bathroom, wardrobe, or closet.

420.3.3.10.2 Household design model for person centered care: Individual resident sleeping areas in a double occupancy resident room shall be separated from each other by a full height wall or a permanently installed sliding or folding door or partition that provides visual privacy for each person.

420.3.3.10.2.1 Either doors or cubicle curtains to these individual resident sleeping areas shall be provided.
420.3.3.10.2.2 The design for privacy shall not restrict resident access at any time to the room entrance, resident armchair, toilet room, bathroom, window, wardrobe, or closet.

420.3.3.11 Each resident room shall be provided with a bedside table or equivalent furniture, a reading lamp, a well constructed appropriate bed, and a non-folding type armchair for each individual resident. As determined by the functional program of the facility, there shall be a number of over-bed tables available to bed restricted residents.

420.3.3.16 Each resident room shall be provided with a wardrobe or closet for each resident. Each wardrobe or closet shall have minimum inside dimensions of 1 foot 10 inches (0.55 m) in depth by 2 feet 6 inches (0.78 m) in width. Each wardrobe or closet shall be accessible to the resident at all times and shall have an adjustable shelf(s) and an adjustable clothes rod that is adjustable in a maximum of 4 inches (10.16 cm) increments from 4 feet (1.22 m) to 5 feet 8 inches (1.73 m) above finished floor or higher as wardrobe or closet size permits. When the wardrobe or closet is designed to meet the requirements for accessibility per Chapter 11 of this code, it shall include additional accessible storage area(s) for full-length garments. The shelf may be omitted if the clothing unit provides at least two drawers. Locked storage for a resident’s personal items shall be provided within the resident sleeping room if required by the functional program.

420.3.11.6 All resident room windows shall have a minimum net glazed area of not less than 8 percent of the gross floor area of the room or bed area served. Operable windows are not required but if they are provided they shall be equipped with insect screens.

420.3.23.1 Provide one general purpose duplex receptacle on another wall to serve each resident and one additional duplex receptacle at the head of the bed if a motorized bed is provided.

(1) The facility shall provide a safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment, which allows the resident to use his or her personal belongings to the extent possible.

(2) The facility shall provide:

(b) Clean bed and bath linens that are in good condition;

(c) Private closet space for each resident;

(d) Furniture, such as a bed-side cabinet, drawer space;

Toilet Area

420.3.3.13 A hand-washing facility complete with mixing faucet shall be provided within each resident toilet room and within each resident room that shares a toilet room with another resident room. Separate resident sleeping areas as described in Section 420.3.3.10.2 do not constitute a separate resident room.

420.3.3.14 Each resident shall have access to a toilet room without having to enter the general corridor area or another resident bed area in a double occupancy resident room. One toilet room shall serve no more than two residents and no more than two resident rooms. If required by the functional program of the facility, a plumbing connection for a bedpan-rinsing device shall be provided at the resident toilet within each resident toilet room.

420.3.3.15 The door to the toilet room shall be side hinged, and either swing out from the toilet room or be equipped with emergency release hardware. A sliding door equipped with sliding door
hardware located on the resident room side of the wall and not equipped with a bottom door track shall be permitted. Unless otherwise required by this code, the door shall be at least 32 inches (813 mm) in clear width opening. The toilet room door that swings open into the resident room shall not impede the swing of any other door that opens into the resident room.

420.3.11.8 Grab bars, 1 1/2 inches (38 mm) in diameter, either permanent or flip down, shall be installed in all resident showers, tubs, and baths and on any two sides of all resident use toilets. Wall-mounted grab bars shall provide an 1 1/2 inch (38 mm) clearance from walls and shall sustain a concentrated load of 250 pounds (113.4 kg). Where flip down grab bars are used, the toilet does not need to be located within 18” of an adjacent wall, except as required by Chapter 11 of this code.

420.3.11.9 Each resident hand-washing facility shall have a mirror unless prohibited by the nursing program. Mirror placement shall allow for convenient use by both wheelchair occupants and ambulatory persons. Tops and bottoms may be at levels usable by individuals either sitting or standing. Additional mirrors may be provided for wheelchair occupants, or one separate full-length mirror located in the resident room may be provided to meet the needs of wheelchair occupants.

420.3.11.10 Provisions for soap dispensing and hand drying shall be included at all hand washing facilities. Those in resident use areas shall be paper or cloth towels enclosed to protect against dust or soil and shall be single-unit dispensing.

420.3.11.11 Only recessed soap dishes shall be allowed in patient use tubs and showers unless the tubs and showers are of molded plastic style fixtures.

420.3.11.12 Towel bars shall be provided at each bathing facility.

420.3.11.13 All resident use plumbing fixtures and door operating hardware shall be equipped with lever type hardware for easy gripping and turning.

420.3.11.14 Toilet compartment partitions and urinal screens shall not be constructed of product that does not rust, corrode or delaminate. [4156-A3]

New Construction: Room and Bath

420.3.3 Resident rooms. Each resident room shall meet the following minimum standards:

420.3.3.1 In new construction and additions, the maximum room capacity of each resident room shall be two persons.

420.3.3.2 Nursing homes designed to serve only for children 0 through 20 years of age may have a maximum room capacity of four persons.

420.3.3.3 Where renovation work of an existing resident room alters the physical configuration of the room and the present capacity of the room is more than two persons, the maximum room capacity shall be no more than two persons at the conclusion of the renovation.

420.3.3.5 Where renovation work is undertaken that alters the room configuration, every effort shall be made to meet these minimum space standards. When this is not possible due to existing physical conditions or constraints, and with the approval of the Agency, a resident room shall have no less than 80 square feet (7.43 m²) of clear floor area per bed in a double occupancy resident room and 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of clear floor area in a single occupancy resident room. Clear floor area is as described in section 420.3.3.4.
420.3.3.12 Each new resident room, and each individual resident sleeping area as described in 420.3.3.10.2, shall have an exterior window(s) to the outside that is physically accessible to each resident at all times and visible from the resident’s bed except when a cubicle curtain is closed. The window shall be sized with a clear opening of 8 percent of the gross square footage of the resident sleeping room or individual resident sleeping area as described in section 420.3.3.10.2. The clear opening of the window width and height shall have a minimum of 20 feet (6.10 m) unobstructed vista to any permanent structure, or equipment, and 15 feet (4.57 m) unobstructed vista to any vehicular driveway measured perpendicularly from the plane of the window.

Summary: Square Footage; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Bed Size Minimum; Institutional Design Model; Household Design Model; Bed Spacing; Windows; Access to Toilet and Handwashing Rooms; Room Capacity (New Construction); Storage; Door Functioning; Grab Bars

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Resident Bedroom

(1) Patient beds shall be single, at least thirty-six inches wide, with firm even springs covered by a mattress not less than four inches thick.

(2) The home shall provide all linens and blankets essential to the treatment and comfort of patients.

(4) Each patient shall have necessary furniture which shall include a bedside table, a reading lamp, a chair, drawer space for clothes, enclosed space for hanging clothing, and individual towel rack, soap dish, drinking glass, and access to a mirror. Each patient shall have a suitable signaling device.

(7) Bedrails shall be available for use as required by the patient's condition.

(5) Doors to rooms used by patients shall be equipped with locks or other devices which will not allow the room to be locked from the inside.

(2) At least two rooms per fifty (50) beds shall be designed for single occupancy (one bed). At least one room designed for single occupancy shall have an adjoining private bathroom, containing a lavatory, water closet and a bathtub or shower equipped with grab bars.

(3) All patient rooms shall open into corridors leading to the exterior of the building. No patient room will be so located as to make it necessary for a patient to pass through another room to gain entrance to a corridor leading to the exterior.
(4) Each patient room shall be an outside room with window space equal to at least one-eighth of the floor area with opening in area large enough to remove patient by mattress.

(5) Patient bedrooms shall contain not less than one hundred (100) square feet of usable floor space in private or single rooms and no less than eighty (80) square feet per bed of usable floor space in multi-bed rooms. Usable floor space is in addition to area provided for closets, toilet rooms and entry ways.

(6) Not less than three (3) feet of space shall be provided between beds and between the foot of the bed and wall or other obstruction. There shall be sufficient space so beds may be made accessible from both sides for nursing care when needed.

(7) An individual clothes closet or wardrobe with door shall be provided per bed in every patient room. Clothes closets or wardrobes shall be at least twenty-two (22) inches deep and twenty (20) inches wide with at least one shelf above a hanging space equipped with a device for clothes hangers.

(8) Each patient room having more than one bed shall have permanently installed curtain tracks to permit closing each bed with curtains to allow for the privacy of each patient without obstructing the passage of other patients either to the corridor or to the toilet or lavatory adjacent to the patient room. Curtains used for enclosing patient beds shall be rendered and maintained flame resistant.

(d) Patient bedrooms.

(1) Each room shall be at or above grade level.

(2) Windows in each habitable room shall have adequate means of ensuring privacy.

(3) Patient bedrooms shall have not more than four beds.

(4) Single patient rooms shall measure at least one hundred square feet of usable space, excluding closets, bathrooms, alcoves, and entryways.

(5) Multi-patient rooms shall provide a minimum of eighty square feet per bed of usable space, excluding closets, bathrooms, alcoves, and entryways.

(6) Bedside screens or curtains shall be provided in multi-bed rooms to ensure privacy for each patient.

(7) Beds shall be placed at least three feet apart and three feet from the wall at the side of the bed.

(8) Each patient shall be provided with:
   (A) A separate bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the patient and permitting an individual in a wheelchair to get in and out of bed unassisted.
   (B) A comfortable mattress with permeable mattress cover, and a pillow with an impermeable cover.
   (C) Sufficient clean bed linen and blankets to meet the patient’s needs.
   (D) Appropriate furniture, cabinets and closets, accessible to and usable by the physically handicapped. Locked containers shall be available upon patient’s request.
   (E) An effective signal call system at the patient’s bedside.
(e) Ramps must be designed to permit use by patients in wheelchairs. Ramps shall meet the provisions of the Uniform Building Code 1979 and its revisions, as it existed on October 1, 1983.

(g) Windows and lighting.

(1) Each bedroom shall have at least one outside window.

(2) A habitable room shall have an aggregate window area of not less than one-tenth of the gross floor area.

(3) Patient's rooms shall have artificial light adequate for reading at bedside.

(4) There shall be night lighting in patient's rooms, toilets, and service areas.

(5) In rooms containing wheelchair patients, at least one window shall be low enough to permit outdoor viewing by the wheelchair-bound patient.

(h) Where appropriate, screening of doors and windows shall be provided, using screening having sixteen meshes per inch.

Toilet Area

(c) Toilet and bath facilities.

(1) One toilet room shall serve not more than eight patients.

(2) The toilet room shall contain a toilet and lavatory. The washbasin may be omitted from a toilet room which serves single and multi-bed rooms if each such patient's room contains a lavatory.

(6) Separate toilet and bathing facilities for each sex, except where couples occupy a semi-private room with a bathroom, shall be provided.

(9) Where bedpans are used, equipment for their care shall be provided in an appropriate area of the facility. Where toilets adjoin patient's bedroom and are used for bedpan cleaning, they shall be equipped with bedpan flushing attachments with vacuum breakers.

(11) Separate toilet facilities shall be provided for the use of patients and personnel.

(6) Each patient shall be provided adequate supplies and equipment for proper oral hygiene including a toothbrush or a denture brush and denture receptacle when needed.

New Construction: Room and Bath

Summary: Bed Size and Thickness Minimum; Linens and Equipment to be Provided; Minimum Furnishings and Personal Care Items Specified; Single Occupancy Rooms; Bedrails; Mirror; Minimum Room Size; Space Between Beds; Flame Resistant Curtains; No Public or Staff Use of Resident Water Closets; Windows; Privacy Curtains; Toilets per Resident; Personal Supplies
(1) Patient living areas shall be designed and equipped for the comfort and privacy of the patient. (2) Areas used for recreation, cooking, dining, storage, bathrooms, laundries, foyers, corridors, lanais, libraries, and other areas not suitable for sleeping shall not be used as bedrooms. (3) Access from each bedroom to a bathroom, toilet, corridor, central utility or other areas of the facility shall not require passing through another bedroom, cooking, dining, or recreational area. (4) All occupants of any bedroom shall be of the same sex except for those semi-private rooms which may be occupied by married couples upon request.

Toilet Area

New Construction: Room and Bath

Summary: All Occupants of Same Room Same Sex except if Spouse; Location of Room

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Resident Bedroom

05. Patient/Resident Accommodations. Accommodations for the patients/residents of the facility shall include the following: (1-1-88)

a. Each patient/resident room shall be an outside room. (1-1-88)

b. Not more than four (4) patients/residents can be housed in any multi-bed sleeping room. (1-1-88)

c. Every patient/resident sleeping room shall be provided with a window as follows: (1-1-88)

i. It shall be equal to at least one-eighth (1/8) of the floor area. (1-1-88)

ii. It shall be openable to obtain fresh air. (1-1-88)

iii. It shall be provided with curtains, drapes or shades. (1-1-88)

iv. It shall be so located as to permit the patient/resident a view from a sitting position. (1-1-88)

v. It shall have screening.

d. No patient/resident room can be located: (1-1-88)

i. In such a way that its outside walls are below grade. (1-1-88)

ii. In an attic, trailer house or in any room other than an approved room. (1-1-88)

iii. So it can be reached only by passing through another individual's room, a utility room or any other room. (1-1-88)

iv. So it opens into any room in which food is prepared or stored. (1-1-88)

e. Patient/resident rooms shall be of sufficient size to allow not less than eighty (80) square feet of usable floor space per patient/resident in multiple-bed rooms. Private rooms shall have not less than one hundred (100) square feet of usable floor space. (1-1-88)
f. Patient/resident beds shall not be placed in hallways or in any location commonly used for other than bedroom purposes. (1-1-88)

g. Rooms shall be of dimensions which allow not less than three (3) feet between beds and two (2) feet of space between the bed and side wall. (1-1-88)

h. Ceiling heights in patients/resident rooms shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet, six (6) inches. (1-1-88)

i. Closet space in each sleeping room shall be twenty (20) inches by twenty-two (22) inches per patient/resident. Common closets utilized by two (2) or more patients/residents shall be provided with substantial dividers for separation of each patient's/resident’s clothing for prevention of cross contamination. All closets shall be equipped with doors. Freestanding closets shall be deducted from the square footage in the sleeping room. (1-1-88)

j. Every health care facility shall provide a living room or recreation room for the sole use of the patients/residents. Under no circumstances may these rooms be used as bedrooms by patients/residents or personnel. A hall or entry is not acceptable as a living room or recreation room. (1-1-88)

k. All patient/resident rooms shall be numbered. All other rooms shall be numbered or identified as to purpose. (1-1-88)

m. Patients/residents of the opposite sex shall not be housed in the same bedroom or ward, except in cases of husband and wife.

01. Furnishings -- Patient/Resident Living Rooms and Bedrooms. Living rooms for patients'/residents’ use shall be provided with a sufficient number of reading lamps, tables, chairs, or sofas of satisfactory design for age and condition of the patients/residents. (1-1-88)

a. Each patient/resident shall be provided with his own bed which shall be at least thirty-six (36) inches wide, have a head and a footboard, be substantially constructed, and in good repair. Bedrails shall be provided when needed. Roll-away type beds, cots, folding beds, double beds, or hollywood-type beds shall not be used. Adjustable-height beds are recommended. (1-1-88)

b. Each bed shall be provided with satisfactory type springs in good repair and a clean, comfortable mattress at least five (5) inches thick (four (4) inches if of foam rubber construction and four and one-half (4-1/2) inches if of innerspring type) and standard in size for the bed. (12-31-91)

c. Each patient/resident shall be provided with an individual rack with towel and washcloth. (1-1-88)

d. In addition to basic patient/resident care equipment, each patient/resident shall be provided an individual reading light, bedside cabinet with drawer, comfortable chair, and storage space for clothing and other possessions. (1-1-88)

e. Each patient/resident shall be provided with a cup and a covered pitcher of fresh water (or the equivalent) at the bedside if the patient/resident needs assistance to ambulate but is able to drink without assistance. (1-1-88)

Toilet Area

p. Toilet rooms, tub/shower rooms and handwashing facilities shall be constructed as follows:(1-1-88)

i. Toilet rooms and bathrooms for patients/residents and personnel shall not open directly into any room in which food, drink, or utensils are handled or stored. (1-1-88)

ii. Toilet and bathrooms shall be separated from all other rooms by solid walls or partitions. (1-1-88)

iii. On floors where wheelchair patients/residents are housed, there shall be at least one (1) toilet and one (1) bathing facility large enough to accommodate wheelchairs. (1-1-88)

iv. All inside bathrooms and toilet rooms shall have forced ventilation to the outside. (1-1-88)
v. Toilet rooms for patient/resident use shall be so arranged that it is not necessary for an individual to pass through or into another patient's/resident's room to reach the toilet facilities. (1-1-88)

vi. Handrails and/or grab bars shall be provided in patient/resident toilet rooms and bathrooms and shall be located so as to be functionally adequate. (1-1-88)

vii. On each patient/resident floor or nursing unit there shall be at least one (1) tub or shower for every twelve (12) licensed beds; one (1) toilet for every eight (8) licensed beds; and one (1) lavatory with mirror for every eight (8) licensed beds. Tubs, showers, and lavatories shall be connected to hot and cold running water. (1-1-88)

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

**05. Patient/Resident Care Unit.** Each patient/resident care unit shall be in compliance with the following: (1-1-88)

a. The number of beds in a unit shall not exceed sixty (60); (1-1-88)

b. At least eighty percent (80%) of the beds shall be located in rooms designed for one (1) or two (2) patients/residents; (1-1-88)

c. At least one (1) room in each facility shall be available for single occupancy for isolation of disease or for privacy in personality conflict or disruptive patient/resident situations. Each isolation room shall meet the following requirements: (1-1-88)

i. All features of regular patient/resident rooms, as described in Subsection 121.05.d.; (12-31-91)

ii. Provide an entry area which is adequate for gowning; (1-1-88)

iii. Supply a handwashing lavatory in or directly adjacent to the patient/resident room entry; (1-1-88)

iv. Provide a private toilet; (1-1-88)

v. Have finishes easily cleanable; and (1-1-88)

vi. Not be carpeted; (1-1-88)

d. Each patient/resident room shall meet the following requirements: (1-1-88)

i. Maximum room capacity of four (4) patients/residents; (1-1-88)

ii. Minimum room area, exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves or vestibules shall be one hundred (100) square feet in single-bed rooms and eighty (80) square feet in multiple bed rooms per patient/resident; (1-1-88)

iii. Multiple bed rooms shall be designed to permit no more than two (2) beds side by side, parallel to the window wall; (1-1-88)

iv. Beds in all rooms shall be placed so that they are three (3) feet apart; two (2) feet away from the side wall parallel with beds and three (3) feet, six (6) inches from the end of the bed to the opposite wall, or other obstructions; (1-1-88)

v. A lavatory shall be provided in each patient/resident room. The lavatory may be omitted from asingle-bed or two (2) bed room when a lavatory is located in an adjoining toilet room which serves that room only; (1-1-88)

vi. Each patient/resident shall have access to a toilet room without entering the general corridor area. One (1) toilet room shall serve no more than four (4) beds, and no more than two (2) patient/resident rooms. The toilet room shall contain a water closet and a lavatory. The lavatory may be omitted from a toilet room if each patient/resident room served by that toilet room contains a lavatory; (1-1-88)

vii. Each patient/resident shall be provided, within the room, a wardrobe, locker or closet with a minimum of four (4) square feet. Common closets are not permitted. An adjustable clothes rod and adjustable shelf shall be provided; (1-1-88)

viii. Each patient/resident room cannot be located more than one hundred twenty (120) feet from the soiled workroom or the soiled holding room; (1-1-88)
Each room shall have a window which can be opened without the use of tools. The window sill must not be higher than three (3) feet above the floor and shall be above grade. The window shall be at least one-eighth (1/8) of the floor area and shall be provided with shades or drapes; (1-1-88)

x. Cubicle curtains of fire retardant material, capable of enclosing the bed shall be provided in multiple-bed rooms to insure privacy for the patients/residents. Alternatives to this arrangement may be allowed if the alternative provides the same assurance of privacy; (1-1-88)

xi. Mirror(s) shall be arranged for convenient use by patients/residents in wheelchairs, as well as by patients/residents in standing position; (1-1-88)

xii. A staff calling system shall be installed at each patient/resident bed and in each patient/resident toilet, bath and shower room. The staff call in the toilet, bath and shower room shall be an emergency call. All calls shall register at the staff station and shall activate a visible signal in the corridor at the patient's/resident's door. The emergency call system shall be designed so that a signal light activated at the patient's/resident's station will remain lit until turned off at the patient's/resident's calling station; (1-1-88)

xiii. All patient/resident rooms shall be visible to a staffed nurse's station; (1-1-88)

xiv. Each patient/resident room shall be an outside room; (1-1-88)

xv. Patients/residents cannot be cared for or housed in any attic story, trailer house or in any room other than an approved patient/resident room; (1-1-88)

xvi. Patient/resident beds shall not be placed in hallways or any location commonly used for other than bedroom purposes; (1-1-88)

xvii. Ceiling heights in patient/resident rooms shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet; (1-1-88)

xviii. No room can be used for a patient/resident room which can only be reached by passing through another patient/resident room, utility room or any other room. All patient/resident rooms shall have direct access to an exit corridor; (1-1-88)

xix. Patient/resident rooms shall not open into any room in which food is prepared, served or stored; and (1-1-88)

xx. All patient/resident rooms shall be numbered. All other rooms shall be numbered or identified as to purpose. (1-1-

Summary: Patient/Resident Accommodations; Beds per Room; Room Location; Windows; Same Sex House in Rooms except for Married Couples; Grab Bars; Accessibility of Toilet and Handwashing Facilities; Minimum Furnishings; Ceiling Height (New Construction)
c) Each bedroom shall have window shades, or equivalent, in good repair.

d) A satisfactory reading lamp, or equivalent, shall be provided for each bed.

e) Pillows
1) Each bed shall be provided with a minimum of one clean, comfortable pillow.
2) There shall be additional pillows available in the home to satisfactorily serve the needs of the residents.

f) Each bedroom shall be provided with a mirror, unless there is a mirror in a bathroom opening into this bedroom. Each lavatory shall be provided with a mirror.

j) For each bed there shall be furnished:
1) A minimum of two adequately sized dresser drawers.
2) A comfortable chair.
3) An individual towel rack.
4) A satisfactory reading light over, or at the side of, the bed.
5) Adequate closet, locker, or wardrobe space for hanging clothing within the room.
6) A satisfactory bedside cabinet.

k) A sufficient number of tables that can be either rolled over the resident's bed or that can be placed next to bed shall be provided to serve every resident who cannot, or does not, eat in a dining room or area.

l) Provide proper storage in each resident's room, either within the bedside cabinet or in a separate cabinet, for individual equipment such as an emesis basin, bedpan, urinal, washbasin. Such storage need not be provided in the resident's room if it is satisfactorily provided in a connecting bath or toilet room.

2) Each multiple-bed resident room must be designed or equipped to assure full visual privacy for each resident. Full visual privacy means that residents have a means of completely withdrawing from view while occupying their beds (e.g., curtains, movable screens).

**Toilet Area**

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

**Summary:** Bed Size Minimum; Double Bed for Married Couples; Window Coverings; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Storage; Privacy Curtains

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**Resident Bedroom**

[k] Resident rooms must be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort, and full visual privacy of residents.
(l) Requirements for bedrooms must be as follows:
(1) Accommodate not more than four (4) residents.
(2) Measure at least:
(A) eighty (80) square feet per resident in multiple resident bedrooms; and
(B) one hundred (100) square feet in single resident rooms.
(3) A facility initially licensed prior to January 1, 1964, must provide not less than sixty (60) square feet per bed in multiple occupancy rooms. A facility initially licensed after January 1, 1964, must have at least seventy (70) square feet of usable floor area for each bed. Any facility that provides an increase in bed capacity with plans approved after December 19, 1977, must provide eighty (80) square feet of usable floor area per bed.
(4) Any room utilized for single occupancy must be at least eight (8) feet by ten (10) feet in size with a minimum ceiling height of eight (8) feet. A new facility, plans for which were approved after December 19, 1977, must contain a minimum of one hundred (100) square feet of usable floor space per room for single occupancy.
(5) Have direct access to an exit corridor.
(6) Be designed or equipped to assure full visual privacy for each resident in that they have the means of completely withdrawing from public view while occupying their beds.
(7) Except in private rooms, each bed must have ceiling suspended cubicle curtains or screens of flameproof or flame-retardant material, which extend around the bed to provide total visual privacy, in combination with adjacent walls and curtains.
(8) Have at least one (1) window to the outside with an area equal to one-tenth (1/10) of the total floor area of such rooms, up to eighty (80) square feet per bed for rooms occupied by more than one (1) person and one hundred (100) square feet for single occupancy.
(9) Have a floor at or above grade level. A facility whose plans were approved before the effective date of this rule may use rooms below ground level for resident occupancy if the floors are not more than three (3) feet below ground level.

(m) The facility must provide each resident with the following:
(1) A separate bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the resident.
(2) A clean, comfortable mattress.
(3) Bedding appropriate to the weather, climate, and comfort of the resident.
(4) Functional furniture and individual closet space in the resident’s room with clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident and appropriate to the resident’s needs, including the following:
(A) A bedside cabinet or table with hard surface, washable top.
(B) A clothing storage closet (which may be shared), including a closet rod and a shelf for:
   (i) clothing;
   (ii) toilet articles; and
   (iii) other personal belongings.
(C) A cushioned comfortable chair.
(D) A reading or bed lamp.
(E) If the resident is bedfast, an adjustable over-the-bed table or other suitable device.

(5) Each resident room shall have clothing storage, which includes a closet at least two (2) feet wide and two (2) feet deep, equipped with an easily opened door and a closet rod at least eighteen (18) inches long of adjustable height to provide access by residents in wheelchairs. The closet should be tall enough that clothing does not drag on the floor and to provide air circulation. A dresser, or its equivalent in shelf and drawer space equal to a dresser with an area of at least four hundred thirty-two square inches, equipped with at least two (2) drawers six (6) inches deep to provide for:
(A) clothing;
(B) toilet articles; and
(C) other personal belongings; shall also be provided.

(x) Room-bound residents shall be provided suitable and sturdy tables or adjustable over-bed tables or other suitable devices and chairs of proper height to facilitate independent eating.

**Toilet Area**

(n) Each resident room must be equipped with or located near toilet or bathing facilities such that residents who are independent in toileting, including chair-bound residents, can routinely have access to a toilet on the unit. As used in this subsection, "toilet facilities" means a space that contains a lavatory with a mirror and a toilet. Bathing and toilet facilities shall be partitioned or completely curtained for privacy and mechanically ventilated. Toilets, bath, and shower compartments shall be separated from rooms by solid walls or partitions that extend from the floor to the ceiling.

(p) Toilet facilities shall be provided as set out in the building code at the time the facility was constructed. This section applies to facilities and additions to facilities for which construction plans are submitted for approval after July 1, 1984. At least one (1) toilet and lavatory shall be provided for each eight (8) residents. At least one (1) toilet and one (1) lavatory of the appropriate height for a resident seated in a wheelchair shall be available for each sex on each floor utilized by residents.

(q) Toilet rooms adjacent to resident bedrooms shall serve not more than:
(1) two (2) resident rooms; or
(2) eight (8) beds.

(r) The hot water temperature for all bathing and hand washing facilities shall be controlled by automatic control valves. The water temperature at the point of use must be maintained between:
(1) one hundred (100) degrees Fahrenheit; and
(2) one hundred twenty (120) degrees Fahrenheit.

(s) Individual towel bars shall be provided for each resident.

(t) All bathing and shower rooms shall have mechanical ventilation.

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

**Summary**: Minimum Room Size (Date-Specific); Room Capacity (Date-Specific); Minimum Furnishings Specified; Storage; Toilets per Resident; Personal Care Items
61.3(8) No room in a basement shall be occupied for living purposes unless the room meets all the requirements of the department and is approved by the department as fit for human habitation. (III)

61.4(4) Minimum width doors to all rooms which need access for beds or stretchers shall be at least 3 feet 8 inches. Doors to resident toilet rooms and other rooms which need access for wheelchairs shall have a minimum clear opening width of at least 32 inches. (III)

61.5(7) Resident rooms shall meet at least the following requirements:

a. Bedrooms shall open directly into a corridor or common living area and shall not be used as a thoroughfare. (III)

b. The minimum room area, exclusive of closets, toilet rooms, lockers, wardrobes, vestibules, and corridor door swings shall be at least 100 square feet in one-bed rooms and 80 square feet per bed in multibed rooms. Usable floor space shall be no less than 8 feet in any direction. All resident rooms shall be designed with a minimum of 3 feet of space between beds, lateral walls or room furnishings. (III) (Exception 4)

c. Each resident room shall be provided with light and ventilation by means of a window or windows with a minimal net glass area equal to at least 10 percent of the total floor area. The windows shall open without the use of tools. Provisions for locking windows must be approved by the state fire marshal. The window sill shall not be higher than 3 feet above the floor. (III)

d. There shall be a wardrobe or closet in each resident’s room. The minimum clear dimensions shall be 1 foot 10 inches deep by 2 feet 6 inches wide of clear hanging space for each resident. A clothes rod and shelf shall be provided. See subrule 61.7(9). (III) (Exception 2)

e. In a shared closet, segregated portions shall be established. Each wardrobe and closet in each resident room shall have a door. (III) (Exception 4)

f. No bedroom shall have the floor on the window wall more than 2 feet 6 inches below the adjacent grade level. (III)

g. Fixtures or storage shall be provided to hold individual towels and washcloths. (III)

h. No part of any room shall be enclosed, subdivided or partitioned unless that part is separately lighted and ventilated and meets such other requirements dictated by usage and occupancy. Closets used for the storage of resident's clothing are excepted. (III)

i. Each resident bedroom shall have a door. The door shall be the swing type and shall swing in, unless fully recessed. (III)

j. Resident rooms shall be designed to permit no more than two beds. (III) (Exception 4)

k. Each resident bedroom shall be designed so the head of the bed is not in front of a window, heat register, or radiator. (III)

l. Full visual privacy for each resident shall be provided in multibed rooms. Portable screens are not acceptable. (III)

Toilet Area

61.4(11) Mirrors shall be provided in toilet rooms and resident bathrooms.

a. Mirrors in resident bathrooms or toilet rooms shall be arranged for convenient use by residents in wheelchairs as well as by residents in a standing position. (III)

b. The bottom of the mirror shall be no more than 40 inches above the floor. (III) (Exception 3)

61.4(12) All lavatories shall have paper towel dispensers. (III)

l. One lavatory shall be provided in each resident room. The lavatory may be omitted from a room when a lavatory is located in a connecting toilet room, which serves not more than two beds. (III)

n. Each resident shall have access to a toilet room without having to enter the general corridor area.
One toilet room shall serve no more than four beds and no more than two rooms. (III)

a. No resident room shall be located more than 150 feet from an exit. (III)

61.5(8) Resident toilet rooms shall be provided according to the following standards:

a. Each resident toilet room shall have a swing or sliding door. There shall be a minimum clear opening of 32 inches. (II, III) (Exception 2)

b. The door shall not be a pocket door or swing into the toilet room. (III) (Exception 4)

c. Toilets shall be accessible to and usable by residents with handicaps. (III) (Exception 3)

d. All toilet rooms shall have mechanical exhaust ventilation. (III) (Exception 2)

e. Grab bars shall be provided at all toilets. (III)

f. Water closets shall be 17 to 19 inches high measured to the top of the seat. (III) (Exception 4)

New Construction: Room and Bath

Summary: Minimum Room Size; Linen Fixtures/Storage; Lighting and Ventilation; Beds per Room; Space Between Beds/Location of Beds; In-Room Lavatory; Room Location; Door Width; Privacy; Mirrors; Storage

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Resident Bedroom

(1) Resident rooms. Each resident room shall meet the following requirements.

(A) Each room shall accommodate not more than four residents.

(B) The minimum room area, exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, other built-in fixed items, alcoves, and vestibules, shall measure 100 square feet in one-bed rooms and 80 square feet per bed in multi-bed rooms. Facilities licensed before January, 1963 shall provide a minimum floor area per bed as follows:

(i) One-bed rooms, 90 square feet per bed;

(ii) two-bed rooms, 80 square feet per bed; and

(iii) three- to four-bed rooms, 70 square feet per bed.

(C) Each resident room shall have direct access to a corridor.

(D) Each bed in a multi-bed room shall have ceiling-suspended curtains that extend around the bed to provide total visual privacy in combination with adjacent walls and curtains.

(E) Curtain material shall be launderable and flame retardant.

(F) Each resident room shall have at least one window that opens for ventilation. The window area shall not be less than 12 percent of the gross floor area of the resident room. Interior window stool height shall not exceed three feet above the floor and shall be at least two feet six inches above exterior grade. Facilities constructed before February 15, 1977 shall not be required to comply with this paragraph.
(G) Each resident room shall have a floor at or above grade level. Any facility constructed before the effective date of these regulations shall not be required to comply with this paragraph.

(H) Room configuration shall be adequate to permit the beds to align parallel to the exterior wall with a minimum of three feet of clearance from the sides and foot of the beds to the nearest fixed obstruction. The room configuration shall be designed so that beds are not located more than two deep from the exterior window wall. Any facility constructed before February 15, 1977 shall not be required to meet the specifications in this paragraph.

(I) Each resident room shall have a separate bed for each resident. The bed shall be of appropriate size and height and shall contain the following:
   (i) A clean, comfortable mattress; and
   (ii) bedding appropriate to the weather and needs of the resident.

(J) Each resident room shall have functional furniture appropriate to the resident's needs.

(K) The facility shall provide an individual space in a fixed closet or wardrobe with doors for each bed. Closets shall have, for each bed, a minimum floor area of five square feet, a minimum depth of one foot 10 inches, and a separated shelf and hanging rod of not less than two feet six inches. At least one foot three inches of the hanging rod shall have sufficient clearance for full-length garments. The hanging rods and shelves shall be accessible to the resident. Facilities constructed before February 15, 1977 shall provide a fixed closet or wardrobe with a shelf and hanging rod accessible to residents.

(3) Each resident room in any facility constructed after February 15, 1977 shall not be located more than 150 feet from the nursing service areas required by subsection (c) of this regulation. Distance shall be measured from one foot outside the resident room door along the shortest line, in the general corridor where the resident room appears, to within one foot of the designated service area.

(i) Each resident bedroom shall have at least one duplex-grounding type receptacle on each side of the head of each bed and another duplex-grounding type receptacle on another wall. A television convenience outlet shall be located on at least one wall.

**Toilet Area**

(2) Toilet facility. A toilet room shall serve not more than four beds and shall be accessible without entry from the general corridor. A toilet room shall contain a toilet and a lavatory, unless a lavatory is provided in each resident room.

(A) The minimum area of a toilet room serving a resident room shall be 30 square feet with sufficient turning radius for a wheelchair.

(B) If a bathing unit is included, the facility shall provide additional space. Space occupied by the bathing unit shall not be included in the minimum dimensions stated in this regulation.

(C) Any facility constructed before February 15, 1977 shall provide the resident with access to toilet and bathing facilities from the general corridor or shall provide direct access from the resident room to toilet and bathing facilities.
(2) The doors to each bathing and toileting room with direct access from a resident bedroom shall be capable of opening outward or shall be designed to allow ingress to the room without pushing against a resident who may have collapsed in the room.

(4) Each door to resident toilet rooms and other rooms needing access for wheelchairs shall have a minimum width of three feet.

(12) The facility shall provide grab bars at all residents' toilets, showers, tubs, and sitz baths.

(A) The bars shall have 1 ½ inches clearance to walls and shall have sufficient strength and anchorage to sustain a concentrated load of 250 pounds.

(B) Ends of grab bars shall be returned to the wall at each termination.

(13) If soap dishes are provided in showers and bathrooms, they shall be recessed.

(4) Wastebaskets shall be located at all lavatories.

New Construction: Room and Bath

Summary: Minimum Room Size (Date-Specific); Room Capacity (Date-Specific); Space Between Beds; Room Location; Privacy Curtains; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Flame-Retardant Window Coverings; Storage; Toilet Room Capacity; Toilet Room Size; Grab Bars
shelf;
(f) Cubicle curtains, or equivalent built-in devices shall be provided, for complete privacy for each
patient in each multi-bed room and in tub, shower and toilet rooms;
(g) No patient room shall be located more than 120 feet from the nurses’ station, the clean
workroom, and the soiled workroom. No room shall be used as a patient room where the access is
through another patient’s room.

(b) Patients’ bedrooms shall have general lighting and night lighting. A reading light shall be
provided for each patient. A fixed receptacle type night light mounted approximately sixteen (16)
inches above the floor, shall be provided in each patient room. Patients’ reading lights and other
fixed lights not switched at the door shall have switch controls convenient for use at the luminaire.
All switches for control of light in patient areas shall be of the quiet operating type.

(a) Bedroom. Each patient bedroom shall have duplex receptacles as follows: one (1) each side of
the head of each bed (for parallel adjacent beds, only one (1) receptacle is required between the
beds); receptacles for luminaires, television and motorized beds, if used, and one (1) receptacle on
another wall.

(c) Room accommodations.
1. Each patient shall be provided a standard size bed or the equivalent at least thirty-six (36) inches
wide, equipped with substantial springs, a clean comfortable mattress, a mattress cover, two (2)
sheets and a pillow, and such bed covering as is required to keep the patients comfortable. Rubber
or other impervious sheets shall be placed over the mattress cover whenever necessary. Beds
occupied by patients shall be placed so that no patient may experience discomfort because of
proximity to radiators, heat outlets, or by exposure to drafts.

2. The facility shall provide window coverings, bedside tables with reading lamps (if appropriate),
comfortable chairs, chest or dressers with mirrors, a night light, and storage space for clothing and
other possessions.

3. Patients shall not be housed in unapproved rooms or unapproved detached buildings.

4. Basement rooms shall not be used for sleeping rooms for patients.

5. Patients may have personal items and furniture when it is physically feasible.

6. There shall be a sufficient number of tables provided that can be rolled over a patient’s bed or be
placed next to a bed to serve patients who cannot eat in the dining room.

9. Each patient shall be permitted to have his own radio and television set in his room unless it
interferes with or is disturbing to other patients.

Toilet Area

(d) Lavatory. In single and two (2) bed rooms with private toilet room, the lavatory may be located
in the toilet room. Where two (2) patient rooms share a common toilet, a lavatory shall be provided
in each patient room;

(a) A toilet room shall be directly accessible from each patient room and from each central bathing
area without going through the general corridor. One (1) toilet room may serve two (2) patient
rooms but not more than four (4) beds. The minimum dimensions of any room containing only a
toilet shall be three (3) feet by five (5) feet; bedpan flushing devices must be provided in each toilet room;

(b) Toilets must be easily usable by wheelchair patients. Grab bars shall be provided at all toilets;

(c) At least one (1) toilet for each sex shall be provided for training purposes and access by wheelchair patients. This shall be accessible from the nursing corridor and may be part of the bathing area. Minimum size shall be five (5) feet by six (6) feet;

(d) Doors to toilet rooms shall have a minimum width of two (2) feet and ten (10) inches to admit a wheelchair.

(g) Grab bars and accessories in patient toilet, shower, and bathrooms shall have sufficient strength and anchorage to sustain a load of 250 pounds for five (5) minutes.

(h) Lavatories intended for use by patients shall be installed to permit wheelchairs to slide under.

(i) The location and arrangement of lavatories and sinks with blade handles intended for hand-washing purposes shall provide sixteen (16) inches clearance each side of center line of fixture.

(j) Mirrors shall be arranged for convenient use by patients in wheelchairs as well as by patients in standing position.

(k) Towel dispensers shall be provided at all lavatories and sinks used for hand-washing.

New Construction: Room and Bath

Summary: Room Location; Room Capacity; Minimum Bed Size; Minimum Linens Specified; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Mirrors; Bed Spacing; Grab Bars; Windows; Toilet Capacity; Lavatories

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Resident Bedroom

B. The minimum resident capacity of a nursing home shall be 150 square feet gross area per resident. Bedroom square footage per bed is a part of this gross area.

A. Resident bedrooms shall be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort, and privacy of residents. Each resident bedroom shall have a floor, walls, and ceilings in good repair and so finished as to enable satisfactory cleaning.

B. Each resident’s bedroom shall have a floor at or above grade level; accommodate no more than four residents; have a minimum width of not less than 10 feet; have a ceiling height of at least 7 feet; have electrical outlets in accordance with the National Electrical Code of which the construction plans were initially approved by DHH and the State Fire Marshal’s Office; have direct access to an exit corridor; and be so situated that passage through another resident’s bedroom is unnecessary.
D. Private resident bedrooms shall measure at least 100 square feet of bedroom area.

E. Multiple resident bedrooms shall measure at least 80 square feet of bedroom area for each resident.

F. There shall be at least three feet between the sides and foot of the bed and any wall, other fixed obstruction, or other bed, unless the furniture arrangement is the resident's preference and does not interfere with service delivery. In nursing homes or additions to nursing homes in which construction plans were initially approved by DHH and the State Fire Marshal's Office after January 20, 1998, there shall be at least 4 feet between the sides and foot of the bed and any wall, other fixed obstruction, or other bed, unless the furniture arrangement is the resident's preference and does not interfere with service delivery.

G. Each resident's bedroom shall have at least one window opening to the outside atmosphere. Windows with sills less than 30 inches from the floor shall be provided with guard rails.

H. Each resident's bedroom window shall be provided with shades, curtains, drapes, or blinds.

A. Each resident shall be provided with an individual bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the resident and equipped with:

1. a clean spring in good repair;
2. a clean, comfortable, well-constructed mattress at least 5 inches thick with waterproof ticking and correct size to fit the bed;
3. a clean, comfortable pillow shall be provided for each bed with extra pillows available to meet the needs of the residents;
4. adequate bed rails, when necessary, to meet the needs of the resident; and
5. sheets and covers appropriate to the weather and climate.

B. Screens or noncombustible ceiling-suspended privacy curtains which extend around the bed shall be provided for each bed in multiresident bedrooms to assure resident privacy. Total visual privacy without obstructing the passage of other residents either to the corridor, closet, lavatory, or adjacent toilet room nor fully encapsulating the bedroom window must be provided.

C. The nurses' call system cords, buttons, or other communication mechanisms shall be placed where they are within reach of each resident.

D. Each resident shall be provided a bedside table with at least two drawers, and an enclosed hanging space for clothing that is accessible to the resident. As appropriate to resident needs, each resident shall have a comfortable chair with armrests, waste receptacle, and access to mirror unless medically contraindicated.

E. Each resident who has tray service to his/her room shall be provided with an adjustable overbed table positioned so that the resident can eat comfortably.

F. Each resident shall be provided with a bedside light or over-the-bed light capable of being operated from the bed for nursing homes in which construction plans were initially approved by DHH and the State Fire Marshal's Office after May 1, 1997.
Toilet Area

A. Each floor occupied by residents shall be provided with a toilet and lavatory, and either a bathtub or shower.

B. Each bedroom shall be equipped with or conveniently located near adequate toilet and bathing facilities appropriate in number, size, and design to meet the needs of residents.

C. In nursing homes built prior to August 26, 1958, the following ratio shall be provided (whenever calculations include any fraction of a fixture, the next higher whole number of fixtures shall be installed).

- Lavatories 1:10 beds
- Toilets 1:10 beds
- Showers or tubs 1:15 beds

D. In nursing homes built after August 26, 1958, the following ratio shall be provided (whenever calculations include any fraction of a fixture, the next higher whole number of fixtures shall be installed).

- Lavatories
  One per bedroom or immediately adjacent thereto
- Toilets 1:8 beds
- Showers or tubs 1:10 beds

E. Bathrooms shall be easily accessible, conveniently located, well lighted, and ventilated to the outside atmosphere. Doors to bathrooms and toilet rooms used by residents shall be at least 2 feet 8 inches wide. The fixtures shall be of substantial construction, in good repair, and of such design to enable satisfactory cleaning.

F. Tub and shower bath bottoms shall be of nonslip material. Grab bars shall be provided to prevent falling and to assist in getting in and out of the tub or shower.

H. Lights must be controlled by wall switches, which must be so placed that they cannot be reached from the bathtub, whirlpool, or shower.

New Construction: Room and Bath

**Summary:** Floor, Walls and Ceilings in Good Repair; Minimum Room Size (Date-Specific), Minimum Ceiling Height; Space Between Beds; Room Capacity; Minimum Linens Specified; Noncombustible Privacy Curtains; Minimum Square Feet per Resident; Toilet Room Capacity (Date-Specific); Lavatory Capacity (Date-Specific)
20.E.1. Provision for Residents' Bedrooms
a. Each bedroom for the accommodation of residents shall be given a separate, permanent number or name and this identification shall not be changed without notification to the Department. Such number or name shall be stated on all plans, with the maximum number of occupants.
b. Single bedrooms for the accommodation of residents shall allow a minimum of one hundred (100) square feet of usable floor space.
c. Multiple bedrooms shall provide a minimum of eighty (80) square feet of usable floor space per bed.
e. No room shall have more than four (4) beds. In new facilities planned after July 1, 1994, no room shall have more than two (2) beds.
f. Each resident’s bedroom windows shall be grade level on a vertical plane, located on an exterior wall and shall have an unobstructed view when the situation is under control of the facility.
g. Each resident's bedroom shall be an outside room, with a minimum window glass area equal to 1/10 of the available floor space and no more than three (3) feet high from the floor. The windows shall be openable and equipped with window shades or equivalent in good repair. In air conditioned buildings, only one (1) window in each room must be openable.
h. Each resident’s bedroom shall have direct access to a corridor without passing through the kitchen, bathroom, or another resident’s room.
k. Each resident's bedroom shall be provided with a mirror.

20.F.1. Beds
a. Each resident shall be provided an adjustable hospital-type single or twin bed, at least thirty-six (36) inches wide and of proper size and height for the convenience and needs of the resident. Beds must be of substantial construction and in good repair.
b. For new construction and/or replacement, the beds shall be adjustable as to height and positioning of the head and lower sections of the bed.
c. Each bed shall have a label identifying the resident.
d. Each bed shall be provided with satisfactory type springs in good repair and a clean, comfortable mattress at least five (5) inches thick, four (4) inches if of foam rubber construction, and four and one half (4 1/2) inches thick, if of inner spring type and standard in size. Each bed shall be provided with two (2) clean, comfortable pillows of average bed size and moisture-proof covers and sheets, as necessary, to keep the mattress and pillows dry and clean.
e. Beds shall be so placed in each room so as to be easily serviceable and not subjected to extremes of heat or cold. Beds shall not be placed closer than three (3) feet from other beds and walls; for new construction, four (4) feet shall be the distance. The head of a bed may be placed against a properly insulated exterior wall. No bed shall be placed within three (3) feet of a heating unit.

20.F.2. Additional Equipment
a. For each resident’s bed, there shall be:
1. A bedside cabinet with a drawer and washable top;
2. A minimum of two (2) dresser drawers and a minimum of four (4) dresser drawers in newly constructed or renovated facilities;
3. An individual towel rack;
4. A comfortable non-folding chair, or a chair designed specifically for geriatric use; and
5. A reading lamp.

b. Individual bedpan, urinal, and washbasins used by the resident shall be stored in the resident’s room within an enclosed bedside table or in a separate cabinet or in some other conveniently accessible space with resident identification for individualized use.
c. Each facility shall have appropriate functional furniture, including over-bed or chair-side tables to meet the needs of the residents.

**Toilet Area**

i. Each resident’s room must be equipped with, or located near; toilet and bathing facilities.

m. Handwashing sinks located in the bedroom shall be provided with total visual privacy, if used by residents for personal care.

20.H.3. Ventilation

All bath and toilet rooms shall be ventilated to the outside either by means of a window that can be opened or by an exhaust fan.

20.H.4. Fixtures

a. All bathrooms and bathroom fixtures shall be of sound construction, in good repair and designed so that they may be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
b. All toilets, showers and bathtubs shall be provided with handgrips to assist residents.

20.H.5. Lighting and Locks

a. Each toilet room and bathing room shall be adequately lighted and have a light switch just inside or outside the door, and shall have a well-lighted mirror for each lavatory.
b. Locks on the rooms shall be readily openable from the outside under all circumstances.

20.H.6. Call Bells and Door Alarms

a. Automatic call bells shall be provided for each toilet and bathing room for resident use.
b. Safety alert systems, approved by the Department, shall be provided at all exit doors that are in areas routinely used by residents.

20.H.7. Partitions

Partitions shall be installed to provide privacy for each toilet and bath fixture when there is more than one (1) such fixture in a room.

20.H.8. Equipment for Toilet Training

a. One (1) toilet enclosure that is accessible and large enough to permit toilet training of wheelchair residents shall be provided on each floor having wheelchair residents.
b. A lavatory and a mirror so located and hung that they can be used by wheelchair residents shall be provided for each of these toilets.

20.H.10. Restricted Use

Residents’ bathing, lavatory and toilet rooms shall not be used as utility areas, linen storage or medication areas.

**New Construction: Room and Bath**
d. **Newly constructed facilities** or additions that include bedrooms or renovations to existing bedrooms in existing facilities approved after the adoption of these regulations shall provide one hundred (100) square feet of usable floor space **per bed**. Usable floor space shall be calculated only for that floor space having a ceiling height of seven (7) feet. Usable floor space shall exclude door-swing area, passageways, closets and vestibules.

j. For newly constructed or renovation of facilities planned after July 1, 1994, each resident shall be provided with a separate and individual closet in the bedroom, with clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident. The closet pole shall be no more than sixty (60) inches from the floor and the door shall have a twenty (20) inch minimum width. Shelves shall be at least twenty-two (22) inches long by twenty (20) inches wide for each bed.

l. For newly constructed or renovations of facilities planned July 1, 1994, each bed shall have ceiling suspended curtains which extend around the bed to provide total visual privacy, in combination with adjacent walls and curtains.

**Summary**: Patient Room ID; Minimum Room Size (Date-Specific); Minimum Ceiling Height; Beds per Room; Room Location; Mirror; Handwashing Facilities; Minimum Bed Size; Minimum Linens Specified; Windows; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Privacy Curtains; Storage
(10) All occupants of any bedroom shall be of the same sex, except in the case of a two-bed room occupied only by husband and wife.

C. Floor and Window Space. The following requirements shall be met:

(1) A distance of at least 3 feet shall be maintained between each bed. Each bed is to be placed so that all sides of the bed are at least 18 inches from walls or heating units.

(2) The following allowance of floor space shall be considered a minimum:
   (a) Single-bed room-----100 square feet.
   (b) Multiple-bed rooms-----80 square feet (per bed).

Agency Note: Recommended for multi-bed rooms, 100 square feet per bed; single-bed rooms, 125 square feet per bed.

(3) For any bedroom in a new facility, the following floor areas may not be included in the calculation of floor space:
   (a) The floor area of toilet rooms and bathing facilities;
   (b) The floor area of closets;
   (c) The floor area occupied by wardrobes, bureaus, or lockers;
   (d) The floor area occupied by, or directly under, any HVAC equipment, including any steam, water, or electrical supply or return lines which may run parallel to the floor, or interrupt the floor surface;
   (e) The floor area occupied by any support columns, pipe chases, or other structure, whether freestanding or as an integral part of a wall; and
   (f) The floor area described by the arc of any door, excluding closet doors, which opens into the room.

(5) In existing facilities, the usable floor area for rooms having sloping walls shall be calculated for bed occupancy only for that area having a ceiling height of 8 feet and 50 percent of the area having ceiling height of between 4 feet and 7 feet 6 inches provided that at least 50 percent of the total area has a ceiling height of 8 feet. The minimum horizontal dimension of any room shall be 9 feet.

(6) The window area may not be less than 10 square feet per bed, half of which is able to be opened. A window opening shall be at least 28 inches X 28 inches (to permit entry of firemen, removal of smoke, and emergency evacuation). In case of airconditioning, the presence of portable airconditioning units may not block window space. The installation of portable airconditioning units shall be approved by fire authorities.

D. Furnishings. The following shall be provided;
(1) Each patient shall be provided with his own bed which shall be at least 36 inches wide, be substantially constructed and in good repair. Rollaway type beds, cots or folding beds may not be used.

(2) Each bed shall be provided with satisfactory type springs in good repair, and a clean comfortable mattress, standard in size for the bed.

(3) Each bed shall be provided with a clean, comfortable pillow. Extra pillows shall be available.

(4) Each patient shall be provided with the following furnishings which shall be convenient to the patient:
(a) Bedside stand with a drawer.
(b) Towel rack. A towel rack in an existing private bathroom satisfies this requirement.
(c) A comfortable chair.
(d) At least two dresser drawers in a chest of drawers.
(e) Enclosed space for hanging clothing.
(f) Wall mirror in each room (unless contraindicated by physician's order).
(g) Bedside lamp or other directional light source for patient reading or bedside care, or both.

(5) Windows shall be provided with shades or draperies adequate to control glare and maintain privacy.

(6) Each living room for patients' use shall be provided with a sufficient number of reading lamps, tables, and comfortable chairs or sofas.

**Toilet Area**

(10) For each eight beds there shall be at least one toilet enclosed in a separate room or stall.
(11) There shall be one lavatory for every four beds.
(12) For handwashing purposes there shall be a towel dispenser and a supply of paper towels and soap dispenser adjacent to all lavatories.

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(7) In new construction, cubicle curtains and tracks shall be provided in multiple occupancy bedrooms between beds to insure privacy of patients when necessary.

(4) For any bedroom in a new facility, the minimum horizontal dimension is to be 10 feet to facilitate the placement of beds as required in §C(1) of this regulation and to maintain a minimum clearance of 3 feet at the foot of the bed.

(7) In new construction each patient's room shall be provided with a lavatory with both hot and cold running water unless private toilet or bathroom facilities are connected to the bedroom.

**Summary:** Beds per Room; Bed Size Minimum; Bed Spacing; Minimum Furnishings Specified; In-Room Lavatory (New Construction); Hot and Cold Water; Toilet and Lavatory Capacity; Windows; Storage

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**Resident Bedroom**

(6) Bedrails shall be provided as needed for restless patients.

(11) Light switches shall be located adjacent to doors of all patient or resident rooms and all bathrooms.

(12) All hospital beds shall have brakes set and all wheelchairs shall be equipped with brakes.
(9) Draperies, upholstery and other such fabrics or decorations shall be fire resistant and flame proof.

(F) Patients’ or Residents’ Accommodations.

(1) All patient or resident areas shall be cheerful, homelike, pleasant, clean, well-kept, free from unpleasant odors, sights and noises, and maintained in good repair.

(2) Space and furnishing shall provide each resident or patient with comfortable and reasonably private living accommodations. Beds shall be placed to avoid drafts, heat from radiators, unpleasant noises or other discomforts.

(3) Every bedroom and every bed location shall be permanently, clearly and distinctively identified by a number or letter in addition to the patient’s or resident’s name.

(4) All patient or resident areas must be decorated in a cheerful, pleasant way with such items as draperies, bedspreads and slipcovers made of easily laundered material, and kept clean and in good condition.

(5) All patient or resident areas must have adequate lighting, heating and ventilation so that patients or residents are comfortable in all seasons of the year.

(a) Each patient’s or resident’s room shall have direct outside exposure with adequate, unobstructed natural light and adequate ventilation.

(4) Every patient or resident shall be provided with the following basic equipment and supplies:

(a) A comfortable bed. In facilities that provide Level I or II care, each patient or resident shall have a hospital-type bed which shall not be less than 76 inches long and 36 inches wide and shall be equipped with a headboard and swivel lock casters. In facilities that provide Level III and IV care, beds of household size or hospital beds may be used. Cots and folding beds are prohibited.

(b) Bed springs and a clean, comfortable mattress with waterproof covering on all beds. Each mattress shall be at least four inches thick, 36 inches wide and not less than 72 inches long.

(c) At least two comfortable pillows of standard hospital size. Other pillows shall be available if requested or needed by the patients or residents.

(d) An adequate supply of clean, ironed or drip dry bed linen, bed rubbers, blankets, bedspreads, washcloths, and towels of good quality and in good condition. This shall mean a supply of linen equal to at least three times the usual occupancy. In facilities that provide Level I or II care, towels and washcloths shall be changed and laundered every day; in facilities that provide Level III and IV care, at least every week and more frequently, if indicated. Bed linen shall be laundered at least weekly and more frequently if needed.

(e) An easy chair or a comfortable padded or upholstered straight back chair with arms, suited to individual patient or resident needs.

(f) An individual light of at least 60 watts (or its equivalent), which is safe and conveniently located for reading.

(g) A bedside cabinet with a hard-surfaced, washable top, a drawer and a cabinet section with a towel rack that is adequate for patient or resident needs. In facilities that provide Level I or II care, hospital-type bedside cabinets shall be provided and shall contain a towel and wash cloth, a wash basin, an emesis basin and the equipment listed in 105 CMR 150.015(G)(4)(h).

(i) All facilities shall provide for each patient or resident a permanently located, readily accessible, storage space equipped with a lock and key, that is large enough to accommodate small personal possessions such as letters, jewelry, pictures or small amounts of money. Storage space shall be
located within each patient’s or resident’s room. A key to secure personal storage space shall be in the possession of each patient or resident, and the facility administrator or his designee shall hold a master key to any such locked space.

(5) Other Patient or Resident Equipment that shall be provided:
(a) A covered metal waste container in each patient or resident bedroom.
(b) Bedrails for 75% of the total authorized beds in Levels I and II, and as needed in Level III and IV. In a SNCFC, sideliners shall be provided on all cribs or beds, when indicated.
(c) A sufficient number of foot stools.
(d) Hospital-type over-bed tables for not less than 25% of the total beds authorized in Level I, II, or III care facilities, and as needed in Level IV care facilities.
(e) Bedpans and urinals for not less than 50% of the total beds authorized in Level I, II, III care facilities and in adequate numbers in Level IV care facilities.
(f) An adequate number of commode chairs, wheelchairs, walkers, foot soak basins, foot boards, cradles, armboards, and other such equipment to meet patient or resident needs.
(g) Flame resistant, washable bedside curtains or portable screens that completely conceal the bed in all multi-bedrooms to ensure patient or resident privacy.
(h) In a SNCFC, overbed tables, as needed.
(i) In a SNCFC, bedpans and urinals, as needed.
(j) In a SNCFC, appropriate adaptive equipment for bathing such as lifts, portable tubs, etc., shall be provided in sufficient numbers to meet the personal care needs of patients.

**Toilet Area**

(4) Grip bars, properly placed, shall be in all bathrooms, toilets, tub rooms and showers. In a SNCFC, appropriate adaptive equipment shall be installed in all bathrooms, toilets, tub rooms and showers to ensure patient and staff safety and maximum patient independence.

(11) Light switches shall be located adjacent to doors of all patient or resident rooms and all bathrooms.

(h) All facilities shall see to it that each patient or resident has the following items: individual mouthwash cup, a tooth brush and dentifrice, containers for the care of patients’ or residents’ dentures, an individual comb and brush, soap dish, bar of soap, shaving equipment, individual sputum containers (when needed), and other equipment for personal care.

(c) Toilet and handwashing sinks shall be provided on a ratio of one toilet and sink per every eight to ten patients or residents. There shall be at least one separate toilet for males and one separate toilet for females on each floor. (Exceptions may be made upon written approval of the Department.)

(e) Toilets, bath or shower compartments shall be separated from all rooms by solid walls or partitions. Adequate provision to insure patient privacy shall be made.

(f) Toilets for patients’ or residents’ use may not be located off the kitchen.

(g) Handrails or grab bars shall be provided near showers, tub baths and toilets.

(h) Toilet, handwashing and bathing equipment and areas must be kept in good repair, and the floor area surrounding the toilet must be maintained in a sanitary manner and in good repair.
(i) Facilities shall provide all toilet rooms with toilet paper holders and paper, towels, soap dispensers with soap, mirrors and adequate lighting. Paper towels shall not be used in patient or resident bath rooms.

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(b) In facilities that provide Level I or II care and are not of class one or two construction, all patients or residents with handicaps (such as impaired vision, impaired ambulation, etc.) shall be housed on floors that have access to grade level, and no patients or residents shall be housed above the second floor. Occupancy of rooms above the second floor shall be restricted to employees and members of the immediate family of the licensee.

(2) Nursing Units shall consist of at least the following: an identifiable unit of approximately 40 beds in facilities that provide Level I or II care, and not more than 60 beds in facilities that provide Level III or IV care; a nurses' or attendants' station conveniently located to patient or resident beds; a medicine cabinet or closet; a utility room in facilities that provide Level I, II or III care; storage space for medical supplies and equipment; and a storage closet for linen.

(a) Patient or Resident Bedrooms.

1. Single rooms shall have a minimum of 60 square feet of floor area; multibedrooms shall have a minimum of 60 square feet of floor area per bed.

2. Any increase in the quota must provide, in the room or rooms under consideration, that single rooms shall have a minimum of 110 square feet of floor area; multi-bedrooms shall have a minimum of 80 square feet of floor area per bed.

3. No patient or resident bedroom should contain more than four beds although exceptions will be allowed for existing facilities upon written approval of the Department.

4. Each bed shall be placed at least three feet from any other bed and at least three feet from any window or radiator. An unobstructed passageway of at least three feet shall be maintained at the foot of each bed.

5. Rooms below grade level shall not be used for patient or resident occupancy. Rooms without basement foundations shall not be used for patient or resident occupancy unless there is adequate heating and insulation.

6. All rooms used for patients or residents shall be outside rooms. No room off the kitchen shall be used for patient or resident care unless another acceptable means of entrance to this room is provided. No patient or resident room shall be used as a passageway.

7. Adequate closet and drawer space shall be provided for each patient and resident. In general, this shall mean closet space of not less than two feet by two feet by the height of the closet per patient or resident for the storage of personal belongings, and either a built-in or free standing multiple drawer bureau not less than two-feet, six inches wide with a minimum of one drawer per individual. When feasible, these should be located within the patient's or resident's room.

8. In an AIDSSNF a minimum of 15% of the beds on the unit must be reserved exclusively for patients whose medical or social needs dictate that the room not be shared with any other person.
Resident Bedroom

A nursing home must provide a safe, clean, functional, comfortable, and homelike physical environment, allowing the resident to use personal belongings to the extent possible.

4658.1405 RESIDENT UNITS.
The following items must be provided for each resident:
A. A bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the resident, a clean, comfortable mattress, and clean bedding, appropriate for the weather and resident’s comfort, that are in good condition. Each bed must have a clean bedspread. A moisture-proof mattress or mattress cover must be provided for all residents confined to bed and for other beds as necessary. Rollaway type beds, cots, or folding beds must not be used.
B. A chair or place for the resident to sit other than the bed.
C. A place adjacent or near the bed to store personal possessions, such as a bedside table with a drawer.
D. Clean bath linens provided daily or more often as needed.
E. A bed light conveniently located and of an intensity to meet the needs of the resident while in bed or in an adjacent chair.

4658.5000 BEDROOM DESIGN, EXISTING CONSTRUCTION.

Subpart 1. Design. Each resident bedroom must be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort, and privacy of residents, including full visual privacy of residents.
Subp. 2. **Usable floor area.** The usable floor area per bed must be at least 70 square feet for three- or four-bed rooms, at least 80 square feet for two-bed rooms, and at least 100 square feet for single bedrooms. The usable floor area and the arrangement and shape of the bedroom must provide space for furnishings, for the free movement of residents with physical handicaps, and for nursing procedures. "Usable floor area" does not include spaces occupied by toilet rooms, vestibules, permanently installed wardrobes, lockers, closets, or heating units.

Subp. 3. **Access to exit.** Each bedroom must have direct access to an exit corridor.

Subp. 4. **Bedroom shape.** The shape of the bedroom must allow for the capability of a bed arrangement which provides at least three feet of floor space at both sides and the foot end of each bed.

Subp. 5. **Distance from nurses’ station.** Resident bedrooms must be located within 140 feet from the nurses’ station.

4658.5005 **BEDROOM DOOR LOCKS; EXISTING CONSTRUCTION.**

Subpart 1. **Written policy.** A nursing home must develop a written policy regarding the use of locks on resident bedroom doors. The policy must address whether or not doors can be locked while the resident is in the room.

Subp. 2. **Door locks.** Door locks must permit exit from the room by a simple operation without the use of a key. Door locks must be openable with a master key which is located at each nurses’ station.

4658.5010 **CLOTHES WARDROBE OR CLOSET; EXISTING CONSTRUCTION.**

A nursing home must provide each resident with individual wardrobe or closet space in the resident’s bedroom with clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident. Locks may be provided, with keys for the residents, when a pass key is provided at the nurses’ station.

4658.5040 **ROOM LABELING; EXISTING CONSTRUCTION.**

All bedrooms must be labeled using a system of numbers. All service rooms must be labeled.

**Toilet Area**

4658.5025 **TOILET ROOMS AND SANITARY FIXTURES; EXISTING CONSTRUCTION.**

A nursing home must have at least one toilet and one sink for eight beds, and at least one shower or tub for 20 beds. When the licensed bed capacity is increased, the requirements under part 4658.4135 apply to the new addition. In resident toilet rooms where grab bars or towel bars are not provided, bars must be installed according to part 4658.4145 to the extent that the room arrangements will permit. A toilet room must have a sink and all sinks must be provided with hot and cold water.

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

4658.4100 **RESIDENTS’ BEDROOM REQUIREMENTS, CAPACITIES; NEW CONSTRUCTION.**

At least five percent of the rooms must be designed for single person occupancy (one bed), and must have private toilet rooms. No room may have more than two beds. No toilet room may be shared by more than two bedrooms.
4658.4105 BEDROOM DESIGN; NEW CONSTRUCTION.

Subpart 1. **Design.** Each bedroom must be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort, and privacy of residents, including full visual privacy of residents.

Subp. 2. **Usable floor area.** The usable floor area and the arrangement and shape of the bedroom must provide space for furnishings, for the free movement of residents with physical handicaps, and for nursing procedures. "Usable floor area" does not include spaces occupied by toilet rooms, vestibules, permanently installed wardrobes, lockers, closets, or heating units. The usable floor area per bed must be at least 100 square feet per resident in double bedrooms, and at least 120 square feet in single bedrooms.

Subp. 3. **Access to exit.** Each bedroom must have direct access to an exit corridor.

Subp. 4. **Bedroom shape.** The shape of the bedroom must allow for the capability of a bed arrangement that provides at least three feet of floor space at both sides and the foot end of each bed.

Subp. 5. **Window.** Each bedroom must have at least one window to the outdoors.

Subp. 6. **Window area.** The window area must not be less than one-eighth of the required usable floor area, and the window sill must not be higher than two feet six inches above the floor. The entire window area must face an open outdoor space not less than 30 feet deep, and must provide an unobstructed angle of vision within this space of not less than 65 degrees. The 30-foot-deep open outside space must be measured perpendicular to the plane of the window. The 65 degree unobstructed angle of vision must include the perpendicular bisector of the window. Figure #1 illustrates these requirements:

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Subp. 7. **Floor at grade level.** Each bedroom must have a floor at or above grade level. An energy conservation berm as detailed in the diagram below is permitted. The following three diagrams illustrate acceptable methods of compliance with this subpart.

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Subp. 8. **Distance from nurses' station.** Bedrooms must be located not more than 140 feet from the nurses' station.

4658.4110 BEDROOM DOORS; NEW CONSTRUCTION.

Subpart 1. **Written policy.** A nursing home must develop a written policy regarding the use of locks on bedroom doors. The policy must address whether or not doors can be locked while the resident is in the room.

Subp. 2. **Door locks.** All bedroom door locks must permit exit from the room by a simple operation without the use of a key. All locks must be openable with a master key which is located at each nurses' station.

Subp. 3. **Door.** The door to the corridor must be of fire-resistive construction in accordance with the Minnesota State Building Code, open into the bedroom, and have a nominal width of 44 inches. Bedroom doors must not open directly to an area where services are provided.
4658.4115 CLOTHES WARDROBE OR CLOSET; NEW CONSTRUCTION.

A nursing home must provide each resident with individual wardrobe or closet space in the resident's bedroom with clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident. Locks may be provided, with keys for the residents when a pass key is available at the nurses' station.

4658.4135 TOILET ROOMS AND SANITARY FIXTURES; NEW CONSTRUCTION.

Subpart 1. Design and equipment. Toilet rooms for residents, personnel, and the public must be designed and equipped according to part 4658.4145, except as noted in this part. A nursing home must have at least one toilet and one sink for four beds, and at least one shower or tub for 20 beds, excluding toilets for personnel or the public, and toilets in central bathing and other service areas. At least one toilet room must be designed and equipped according to part 4658.4150 and available for public use. Each toilet room must include a sink. All sinks must be provided with hot and cold water.

Subp. 2. Showers and tubs. There must be at least one shower and one tub in each nursing home.

4658.4140 PROVISION OF RESIDENT TOILET ROOMS; NEW CONSTRUCTION.

Each resident toilet room must be directly accessible from the bedroom. A toilet room may serve two bedrooms, but no more than four beds, if residents are of the same sex. Hinged doors must swing out, or must be double acting and provided with an emergency-type release stop. Privacy door locks must be of a type which can be opened by staff in an emergency. Sliding doors must be surface mounted. Folding doors and pocket doors are prohibited.

4658.4145 TOILET ROOM LAYOUT; NEW CONSTRUCTION.

Layout:
A. The door opening must have a clear opening of at least 32 inches. Hinged doors must swing out, or must be double acting and provided with an emergency-type release stop.
B. The center of the toilet must be located 18 inches from the side wall and there must be at least three feet of unobstructed space in front of the bowl. No basic interior room dimension may be less than 42 inches.
C. The toilet must be mounted at a height of not less than 17 inches nor more than 19 inches above the floor, measured to the top of the seat. The bowl must be elongated with an open-front seat.
D. Flush valves must be a quiet operating type.
E. The paper holder must be securely anchored on the side wall near the toilet, six inches above the seat, and six to 12 inches in front of the seat with both dimensions measured to the center of the holder.
F. A vertical grab bar, at least 18 inches long, must be provided on the side wall near the toilet. The low end must be mounted at a height of ten inches above the toilet seat and at a distance of 12 inches in front of the seat. A grab bar on each side of the toilet is recommended.
G. Grab bars must have an outside diameter of 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 inches, and must provide a clearance of 1-1/2 inches between the grab bar and the wall. Grab bars must be securely anchored to sustain a load of 250 pounds for five minutes.
H. The sink, with or without a counter top, must be mounted at a height of 32 to 34 inches above the floor, measured to the top edge.
I. A towel bar must be provided at a height of 42 to 44 inches above the floor. It must be a horizontal grab bar.
J. A shelf large enough to accommodate a resident's personal toilet accessories must be provided, unless space is provided by a suitable sink or a counter.

4658.4150 HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE TOILET ROOMS; NEW CONSTRUCTION.

Layout:
A. Toilet rooms for wheelchair users must be arranged to allow movement for the frontal, oblique, and lateral angle approach.
B. The door opening must have a clear opening of at least 32 inches, and must be located within an area in front of the toilet. Hinged doors must swing out, or must be double acting and be provided with an emergency-type release stop. Privacy door locks must be of a type which can be opened by staff in an emergency.
C. The center of the toilet must be located 18 inches from the side wall and there must be at least four feet of unobstructed space in front of the bowl. All basic interior room dimensions must be at least 66 inches.
D. The toilet must be mounted at a height of 17 to 19 inches above the floor, measured to the top of the seat. The bowl must be elongated with an open front seat.
E. Flush valves must be a quiet operating type.
F. The paper holder must be securely anchored on the side wall near the toilet, 19 to 25 inches above the floor, and six to 12 inches in front of the seat with both dimensions measured to the center of the holder.
G. An L-shaped grab bar, each leg at least 18 inches long, must be provided, securely anchored on the side wall near the toilet. The low end of the vertical leg must be mounted at a height of ten inches above the toilet seat and at a distance of 12 inches in front of the seat, and the horizontal grab bar must extend toward the back wall.
H. A horizontal grab bar must be mounted on the wall at the rear of the toilet at a height of 33 to 36 inches above the floor. The grab bar must be at least 36 inches long.
I. Grab bars must have an outside diameter of 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 inches, and must provide a clearance of 1-1/2 inches between the grab bar and the wall. Grab bars must be securely anchored to sustain a load of 250 pounds for five minutes.
J. The sink, with or without a counter top, must be accessible and must not interfere with general wheelchair movements. It must be mounted at a height of 34 inches above the floor, measured to the top edge, and must provide a vertical clearance of at least 27 inches for knee space. A standard-type sink which meets these conditions is acceptable.
K. A towel bar must be provided at a height of 42 to 44 inches. It must be a horizontal grab bar.
L. If a mirror is provided, and is mounted flush to the wall, the bottom of the mirror must be placed at a height of 36 inches and the top at a height of at least 66 inches. Tilting mirrors are allowed provided they are mounted to meet the needs of the residents.
M. A shelf large enough to accommodate a resident’s personal toilet accessories must be provided at a height of 32 to 36 inches, unless space is provided by a suitable sink or a counter.

4658.4180 ROOM LABELING; NEW CONSTRUCTION.
All bedrooms must be labeled using a system of numbers.
All service rooms must be labeled.

4658.4625 BEDROOM RECEPTACLES; NEW CONSTRUCTION.
Each resident bedroom must have a minimum of two duplex receptacles mounted on the wall at the head of the bed, and one receptacle mounted on each side of the bed, for a total of four electrical outlets per bed. In addition to the receptacles at the head and side of each bed, each resident bedroom must be provided with two additional duplex receptacles, conveniently located on
adjacent walls for resident use. At least one receptacle must be located between 16 inches and 20 inches above the floor, and be accessible for resident use.

4658.4630 NIGHT LIGHTS; NEW CONSTRUCTION.
Each resident bedroom must be provided with a night light.

Summary: Minimum Furnishings Specified; Beds per Room; Bedroom/Toilet Ratio (New Construction); Minimum Room Size; Windows; Mirrors; Room Labeling; Door Locks; Storage; Grab Bars

Resident Bedroom

118.02 Bedrooms.

1. Location.
a. All resident bedrooms shall have an outside exposure and shall not be below grade. Window area shall not be less than one-eighth (1/8) of the required floor area. The window sill shall not be over thirty-six (36) inches from the floor.
b. Resident bedrooms shall be located so as to minimize the entrance of unpleasant odors, excessive noise, and other nuisances.
c. Resident bedrooms shall be directly accessible from the main corridor of the nursing unit providing that accessibility from any public space other than the dining room will be acceptable. In no case shall a resident bedroom be used for access to another resident bedroom.
d. All resident bedrooms shall be so located that the resident can travel from his/her bedroom to a living room, day room, dining room, or toilet or bathing facility without having to go through another resident bedroom.

2. Floor Area. Minimum usable floor area per bed shall be as follows: Private room one-hundred (100) square feet, Multi-bed room eighty (80) square feet, per resident. This provision shall apply only to initial licensure, new construction, additions, and renovations.

3. Provisions for Privacy.
a. Existing Facilities. Cubicle curtains, screening, or other suitable provisions for privacy shall be provided in multi-bed resident bedrooms.
4. **Accommodations for Residents.** The minimum accommodations for each resident shall include:
   a. Bed. The resident shall be provided with either an adjustable bed or a regular single bed, according to needs of the resident, with a good grade mattress at least four (4) inches thick. Beds shall be single except in case of special approval of the licensing agency. Cots and roll-a-way beds are prohibited for resident use. Full and half bed rails shall be available to assist in safe care of residents.
   b. Pillows, linens, and necessary coverings.
   c. Chair.
   d. Bedside cabinet or table.
   e. Storage space for clothing, toilet articles, and personal belongings including rod for clothes hanging.
   f. Means at bedside for signaling attendants.
   g. Bed pans or urinals for residents who need them.
   h. Over-bed tables as required.

5. **Bed Maximum.** Bedrooms in new facilities shall be limited to two (2) beds.

**Toilet Area**

118.06 **Toilet and Bathing Facilities.**

1. Lavatory, toilet and bathing facilities shall be provided in each nursing unit as follows:

3. Handrails shall be provided for all tubs, showers, and commodes.

4. In addition to the requirements set forth above, a lavatory shall be provided in each resident bedroom or in a toilet room that is directly accessible from the bedroom.

5. In addition to the requirements set forth above, a toilet shall be located in a room directly accessible from each resident bedroom. The minimum area for a room containing only a toilet shall be three (3) feet by six (6) feet.

132.05 **Toilet Room Cleanliness.** Floors, walls, ceilings, and fixtures of all toilet rooms shall be kept clean and free of objectionable odors. These rooms shall be kept free of an accumulation of rubbish, cleaning supplies, toilet articles, etc.

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3. **Provisions for Privacy.**

   b. Initial Licensure, New Construction, Additions and Renovations.
   Cubicle curtains, screening, or other suitable provisions for privacy shall be provided in multi-bed resident bedrooms. Cubicle curtains shall completely enclose the bed from three (3) sides.

**Summary:** No Unpleasant Odors or Noise; Minimum Room Size; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Room Location; Beds per Room (New Construction); Windows; Handrails; Toilet Room Size and Cleanliness; Privacy Curtains (New Construction)
Resident Bedroom

A facility shall not locate a resident room door more than one hundred forty feet (140’) from the nurses’ station and the dirty utility room.

(38) Resident room area shall be a minimum of eighty (80) square feet per bed in multiple bed resident rooms, and one hundred (100) square feet per bed in one (1)-bed resident rooms. A continuous aisle not less than three feet (3’) wide shall be available around the foot and along both sides of each bed. Facilities shall locate beds to avoid drafts, excessive heat and other residents discomforts. Typical minimum clear dimensions for the bed area in resident rooms shall be as follows:

1-Bed 10’ 6” × 9’ 3”
2-Bed 10’ 6” × 15’ 6”
3-Bed 10’ 6” × 21’ 9”
4-Bed 18’ 0” × 15’ 6”

Heating units and handwashing sinks may protrude into this required space. II

(40) Each resident shall have a wardrobe, locker or closet. A clothes rod and shelf shall be provided. III

(41) No room shall be occupied by more than four (4) beds. III

(42) No resident shall be housed in a room in which the outside grade line is more than three feet (3’) above the floor level on the window side of the resident room for a distance of at least fifteen feet (15’) from the outside wall of the resident room. The resident rooms shall be outside rooms with minimum window sizes as follows:

1-Bed 10 square feet
2-Bed 16 square feet
3-Bed 24 square feet
4-Bed 32 square feet

These areas are for total window size including frames. III

Toilet Area

(43) Each resident, without entering the general corridor area, shall have access to a toilet room. III

(44) One (1) toilet room shall serve no more than six (6) beds and no more than two (2) resident rooms. II/III

(45) The toilet room shall contain a water closet and a lavatory. II

(46) If each resident room contains a handwashing sink, the may omit the handwashing sink from a toilet room that serves adjacent resident rooms. When a handwashing sink is located within the same room as the toilet, the minimum area of a room shall be thirty (30) square feet. If the room contains only a toilet, the minimum area of the room shall be eighteen (18) square feet. III
(69) Facilities shall provide grab bars or handrails, secured in proper positions to facilitate the bodily movements of residents, next to all bathtubs, within all showers and on at least one (1) side of all toilets. II

(70) Lavatories shall be positioned to be accessible to wheelchair residents and shall not have cabinets underneath or any other unnecessary obstruction to the maneuverability of wheelchairs. III

(71) The facility shall provide mirrors in each resident’s room or adjoining toilet room. Mirrors shall be at least three feet (3’) high with the bottom edge located no more than three feet four inches (3’ 4”) above the floor or the facility may use framed tilting mirror(s). III

(72) Facilities shall provide fire-resistant divider curtains attached to the ceiling or walls in all resident rooms other than private or single bedrooms. A facility shall place these divider curtains to provide complete privacy for each bed. III

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(83) Hardware on toilet room doors shall be operable from both the inside and the outside. II

(120) Residents’ bedrooms shall have a minimum general illumination of ten (10) footcandles, a night-light and a resident’s reading light. The outlets for general illumination and night-lights shall be switched at the door. III

(121) Each single-bed resident room shall have at least two (2) duplex receptacles. All multi-bed resident rooms shall have at least one (1) duplex receptacle at the head of each bed plus one (1) additional duplex receptacle. Facilities shall not place duplex receptacles in a manner to cause an electrical shock hazard. III

(123) If ceiling lights are used in residents’ rooms, they shall be of a type which are shaded or globed to minimize glare. III

(3) In an existing facility licensed prior to July 1, 1965, the number of persons in any room or area used as sleeping quarters shall not exceed the proportion of one (1) adult for each sixty (60) square feet. In facilities licensed on or after July 1, 1965, adult resident rooms shall be a minimum of eighty (80) square feet per bed in multi-bed resident rooms and one hundred (100) square feet for private rooms. This square footage can include all useable floor spaces such as closets, entryways, and areas with moveable items or furniture that do not impact the safety or welfare of the resident, used for residents’ belongings or if related to their care. Only the area of a room with a ceiling height of at least seven feet (7’) can be included when calculating the square footage. II/III

(4) An existing facility licensed prior to July 1, 1965 shall not use a private room less than sixty (60) square feet in size as sleeping quarters for residents under seventeen (17) years of age. In multi-bed resident rooms, the following ratios shall apply: thirty (30) square feet per bed for beds four feet (4’) or less in length, forty (40) square feet per bed for beds four feet through five feet (4’–5’) in length and sixty (60) square feet per bed for beds over five feet (5’) in length. In facilities licensed on or after July 1, 1965, rooms shall be a minimum of thirty-five (35) square feet per bed for beds four feet (4’) or less in length; forty-five (45) square feet per bed for beds four feet through five feet (4’–5’) in length; eighty (80) square feet per bed over five (5) square feet in length in multiple bedrooms; and one hundred (100) square feet for private rooms. II/III
(5) A facility may not house a resident in a room which has an outside grade of more than three feet (3') above the floor level on the window side of the resident's room for a distance of at least fifteen feet (15') from the outside wall of the resident's room. II/III

(6) Facilities initially licensed after July 1, 1965 shall have no more than four (4) beds per room. II/III

(7) The facility shall provide sleeping quarters, separate from resident bedrooms for the administrator or employees and their families who reside there. III

(8) A facility shall conspicuously and unmistakably identify each room or ward or resident-use area with a number or room name securely fastened to, or plainly painted on the entrance of the room or ward. III

(9) Each resident room shall have an outside window with an area equivalent to not less than ten percent (10%) of the required floor area. The facility shall maintain windows so that they may be readily opened and closed. II/III

(10) Facilities shall ensure that every window in resident-use areas has shades, curtains or drapes. III

(16) Toilet rooms shall be easily accessible, conveniently located, well-lighted and properly ventilated. Doors to toilet rooms which may be locked from the inside, shall be equipped with a special lock which may be opened from the outside. II/III

(17) Existing licensed facilities shall provide one (1) toilet for each ten (10) residents or fraction of ten. II/III

(18) The facility shall provide separate toilet facilities for each sex. Where urinals are provided for men, a facility shall provide one (1) toilet and urinal for each fifteen (15) males or fraction of fifteen. III

(19) Facilities shall provide grab bars on at least one (1) side of all toilets, in proper positions to facilitate bodily movement of residents. II

(20) Existing licensed facilities shall provide handwashing facilities consisting of a handwashing sink in each toilet room for each fifteen (15) residents or fraction of fifteen. The handwashing sink may be omitted from a toilet room which serves adjacent resident rooms if each room contains a handwashing sink. II/III

(40) The facility shall ensure that each resident shall be provided an individual bed, single or twin, in good repair of rigid type. Beds shall be at least thirty-six inches (36") wide. Double beds of satisfactory construction may be provided for married couples. Rollaway, metal cots or folding beds shall not be used. II/III

(41) A minimum of three feet (3') shall be available between parallel beds. III

(42) Mattresses shall be clean, in good repair, sized to fit the bed and a minimum of four inches (4") in thickness to provide comfort. II/III

(43) The facility shall ensure that each bed has at least one (1) clean comfortable pillow. Extra pillows shall be available to meet the needs of the residents. III
(44) Multi-bed resident rooms shall have screens or curtains, either portable or permanently affixed, available and used to provide privacy as needed or as requested. III

(45) Facilities shall provide each resident with an individual locker or other suitable space for storage of clothing and personal belongings. III

(46) The facility shall provide residents with an individual rack for towels and washcloths unless they are provided with clean washcloths or towels for use each time needed. III

(47) A comfortable chair shall be available for each resident's use. III

**Summary:** Outside Grade Line Limitations; Minimum Room Size (Date-Specific); Beds per Room; Minimum Bed Size; Minimum Linens and Furnishings Specified; Toilet and Lavatory Capacity; Windows; Privacy Curtains

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Resident Bedroom

(a) keep each resident bed dressed in clean bed linen in good condition;

(c) supply each resident at all times with clean towels and washcloths;

(d) provide each resident bed with a moisture-proof mattress or a moisture-proof mattress cover and mattress pad;

(e) provide each resident with enough blankets to maintain warmth while sleeping.

(3) Each bedroom in a retirement home must include:
(a) floor to ceiling walls;
(b) one door which can be closed to allow privacy for residents;
(c) at least one operable window; and
(d) access to a toilet room without entering through another resident's room.

(4) If a retirement home elects to provide furnishings as part of its services, the retirement home must provide in each bedroom an adequate closet or wardrobe, bureau or dresser or its equivalent, and at least one arm chair, for every two residents.

(5) Traffic to and from any room shall not be through a resident's bedroom.

(6) No occupied room shall have as its means of access a trap door, ladder, or folding stairs.
(7) No required path of travel to the outside shall be through rooms that are subject to locking or otherwise controlled by a person other than the person seeking to escape.

(8) No more than four residents may reside in a single bedroom.

(9) Exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves, or vestibules, each single bedroom must contain at least 100 square feet, and each multi-bedroom must contain at least 80 square feet per bed.

(10) With respect to any conditions in existence prior to July 4, 1996, any requirement of ARM 37.106.2510 may be waived at the discretion of the department if:
(a) physical limitations of the retirement home would require disproportionate expense or effort to comply with a requirement, with little or no increase in the level of safety to the residents and staff; or
(b) compliance with a requirement would involve unreasonable hardship or unnecessary inconvenience, with little or no increase in the level of safety to the residents and staff.

(11) With respect to any conditions in existence prior to July 4, 1996, the specific requirements of ARM 37.106.2510 may be modified by the department to allow alternative arrangements that will provide the same level of safety to the residents and staff, but in no case shall the modification afford less safety than that which, in the discretion of the department, would be provided by compliance with the corresponding requirement in ARM 37.106.2510.

**Toilet Area**

(2) Hand cleansing soap or detergent and individual towels must be available at each lavatory in the facility. A waste receptacle must be located near each lavatory.

(5) Handsinks and bathing facilities must be provided with water at a temperature of at least 100°F and not more than 120°F.

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

**Summary:** Doors; Linens; Access to Toilet Room; Beds per Room; Window; Floor-to-Ceiling Walls; Room Size

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**Resident Bedroom**

3. Bedroom, toilet, and bathing room doors that are not lockable or capable of being obstructed from within; and 12-007.03I Resident Room Requirements: The facility must provide bedrooms which allow for sleeping, afford privacy, provide access to furniture and belongings, and accommodate the care and treatment provided to the resident.

All bedrooms must:
1. Not be located in any garage, storage area, shed, or similar detached building;
2. Be a single room located within an apartment, dwelling, or dormitory-like structure;
3. Not be accessed through a bathroom, food preparation area, laundry, or another bedroom;
4. Be located on an outside wall with an operable window with a minimum glass size of eight square feet per resident. The window must provide an unobstructed view of at least ten feet;
5. Contain at least 45 cubic feet of enclosed storage volume per resident in dressers, closets or wardrobes;
6. Be located within 150 feet of a control point if nursing services are provided in the room; and
7. Allow for an accessible arrangement of furniture providing a minimum of three feet between the heads of the beds in multiple bedrooms;

12-007.03I1 Existing or New Facility Floor Areas: Resident rooms in existing and new facilities must have at least the following floor areas:
1. Single bedrooms: 100 square feet;
2. Multiple bedrooms: 80 square feet with a maximum of 4 beds; and
3. Apartments or dwellings: 110 square feet for one resident plus 100 square feet for each additional resident.

12-007.03N1 All bedroom, toilet, and bathing room doors must provide privacy yet not create seclusion or prohibit staff access for routine or emergency care.

12-007.03R Privacy: In multiple bed resident rooms, visual privacy and window curtains must be provided for each resident. In new facilities, the curtain layout must totally surround each care and treatment location and not restrict access to the entrance to the room, lavatory, toilet, or enclosed storage.

**Toilet Area**

1. Areas must not interfere with residents currently residing in the facility;
3. Toilets must be easily accessible from all program areas

12-007.03H Toilet Rooms: The facility must provide at least one room with a toilet and sink for resident use.

12-007.03H1 Existing facilities must have a toilet and sink adjoining each bedroom or shared toilet facilities may be provided as follows:
1. One toilet and sink per eight licensed beds in existing facilities; and
2. One toilet and sink per four licensed beds in new facilities and new construction.

12-007.03N1 All bedroom, toilet, and bathing room doors must provide privacy yet not create seclusion or prohibit staff access for routine or emergency care.

12-007.03P Handwashing Sinks: The facility must provide a handwashing sink equipped with towel and soap dispenser in all examination, treatment, isolation, and toilet rooms.

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

12-007.03H2 New construction must have a toilet room provided adjoining each resident bedroom or in each apartment or dwelling.

12-007.03I2 New Construction Floor Areas: Resident rooms in new construction must have at least the following floor areas:
1. Single bedrooms: 120 square feet;
2. Multiple bedrooms: 100 square feet per bed with a maximum of 2 beds; and
3. Apartments or dwellings: 120 square feet for one resident plus 110 square feet for each additional resident.

12-007.03N2 In new construction, all resident-used toilet and bathing rooms with less than 50 square feet of clear floor area must not have doors that swing solely inward.

Summary: Rooms Not Located in Detached Buildings; Minimum Window Size; Minimum Storage Space; Nursing Station Distance; Privacy Curtains; Beds per Room; Minimum Room Size (Existing vs. New Construction); Toilet and Sink Capacity

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Resident Bedroom

1. A patient’s room within a facility for skilled nursing must be designed and equipped in a manner that allows adequate nursing care to be provided and provides comfort and privacy for the patient.

2. A facility for skilled nursing shall provide to each patient in the facility:
   (a) A separate bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the patient;
   (b) A clean, comfortable mattress;
   (c) Bedding that is appropriate for the weather and climate;
   (d) Clean linens for his bed and bath that are in good condition; and
   (e) Furniture that is appropriate for the patient’s needs.

Toilet Area

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

Summary: Appropriate Bedding and Linens; Appropriate Furniture

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Resident Bedroom
(p) There shall be at least 100 square feet in each private-bedroom and at least 80 square feet for each resident in a semi-private bedroom, exclusive of space required for closets, wardrobes and toilet facilities.

(q) Each bedroom shall:
1. Contain no more than 2 beds if constructed after the 2011 adoption of these rules;
2. Have its own separate entry to permit the resident to reach his/her bedroom without passing through the room of another resident;
3. Have a side hinge door and not a folding or sliding door or a curtain unless it meets specific exceptions allowed by the codes referenced in He-P 803.07(e);
4. Not be used simultaneously for other purposes; and
5. Be separated from halls, corridors and other rooms by floor to ceiling walls.

(r) The licensee shall provide the following for the residents’ use, as needed:
1. A bed appropriate to the needs of the resident;
2. A mattress that complies with Saf-C 6000;
3. Clean linens, blankets and a pillow;
4. A bureau;
5. A mirror;
6. A bedside table;
7. A lamp;
8. A chair;
9. A closet or storage space for personal belongings; and
10. Window blinds, shades or curtains that provide privacy.

(s) A resident may refuse any of the items in (r) above with appropriate documentation.

(t) The resident may use his or her own personal possessions provided they do not pose a risk to the resident or others.

**Toilet Area**

(k) The number of sinks and toilets shall be in a ratio of one for every 6 individuals, unless personnel have separate bathroom facilities not used by residents.

(l) Each bathroom shall be equipped with:
1. Soap dispenser;
2. Paper towels or a hand-drying device providing heated air;
3. Hot and cold running water; and
4. A door that either slides or swings, not a folding door or curtain.

(n) All bathroom and closet door latches or locks shall be designed for easy opening from the inside and outside in an emergency.

(o) Each resident bedroom shall have natural lighting provided by at least one operable window with a screen to the outside, which is of a size equivalent to or greater than 8% of the room’s gross square footage.

**New Construction: Room and Bath**
NEW JERSEY

Resident Bedroom

(c) All residents shall have, in their rooms:
1. A bed and a mattress of the correct size to fit the bed;
2. Sheets, blankets, a pillow, and additional pillow if required or desired;
3. A bed table with drawer;
4. A separate closet area and shelves for personal needs;
5. A privacy curtain around the bed excepting private rooms;
6. An unobstructed doorway;
7. Window coverings that are properly mounted and maintained;
8. Night lights;
9. Call bells immediately accessible to the resident in bed or an individual at bedside;
10. A comfortable chair for each resident in his or her room for use by the resident or resident's visitor;
11. An individual light for each resident in a room;
12. Supplies for oral needs, including a denture cup, if needed, and a clean toothbrush;
13. A basin, comb, and bedpan and/or urinal unless clearly unnecessary, stored in an appropriate storage space convenient to the resident; and

Toilet Area

New Construction: Room and Bath

Summary: Minimum Linens and Furnishings; Personal Care Supplies; Privacy Curtain

NEW MEXICO

Resident Bedroom

A. BEDS:

(1) Each resident shall be provided a bed which is at least thirty-six (36) inches wide, is equipped with a headboard of sturdy construction and is in good repair. Roll-away beds, day beds, cots, or double or folding beds shall not be used.

(2) Each bed shall be in good repair and provided with a clean, firm mattress of appropriate size for
the bed.

(3) Side rails shall be installed for both sides of the bed when required by the resident's condition.

B. BEDDING:

(1) Each resident shall be provided at least one (1) clean, comfortable pillow. Additional pillows shall be provided if requested by the resident or required by the resident's condition.

(2) Each bed shall have a mattress pad unless contraindicated by special use equipment.

(3) If mattress is not moisture-proof, a moisture-proof mattress cover shall be provided. A moistureproof pillow cover shall be provided to keep each mattress and pillow clean and dry.
   (a) A supply of sheets and pillow cases sufficient to keep each mattress and pillow clean and dry shall be stocked. At least two (2) sheets and two (2) pillow cases shall be furnished to each resident each week.
   (b) Beds occupied by bedfast or incontinent residents shall be provided drawsheets or appropriate pads.

(4) A sufficient number of blankets shall be provided to keep each resident warm. Blankets shall be changed and laundered as often as necessary to maintain cleanliness and freedom from odors.

(5) Each bed shall have a clean, washable bedspread.

C. OTHER FURNISHINGS:

(1) Each resident who is confined to bed shall be provided with a bedside storage unit containing at least one (1) drawer for personal items and a drawer or compartment for necessary nursing equipment. All other residents shall be provided with a storage unit in the resident's room, containing at least one drawer for personal items and a drawer or compartment for necessary nursing equipment.

(2) At least one (1) arm chair shall be available for each room for each bed. A folding chair shall not be used.

(3) A properly shaded reading light in working condition shall be installed over or at each bed.

(4) Adequate compartment or drawer space shall be provided in each room for each resident to store personal clothing and effects and to store, as space permits, other personal possessions in a reasonably secure manner.

(5) A sturdy and stable table that can be placed over the bed or armchair shall be provided to every resident who does not eat in the dining room.

(6) Housing blind, non-ambulatory, or handicapped residents: In an existing facility of two (2) or more stories which is not of at least two-hour fire resistive construction, blind, non-ambulatory, or physically handicapped residents shall not be housed above the street level floor unless the facility is either of one-hour protected non-combustible construction (as defined in national fire protection standard 200), fully sprinklered one-hour protected ordinary construction, or fully sprinklered one-hour protected wood frame construction.

A. ASSIGNMENT OF RESIDENTS: Residents co-habiting a double occupancy room or a ward shall be of the same sex unless residents are married, related, or are consenting adults.

B. LOCATION: No bedroom housing or resident shall:

(1) Open directly to a kitchen or laundry.

(2) Be located so that a person must pass through a resident’s bedroom, toilet room, or bathroom
to gain access to any other part of the facility.

(3) Be located so that a person must pass through a kitchen or laundry to gain access to the resident's room or other part of the facility.

C. ACCESS TO CORRIDOR AND OUTSIDE: Each bedroom shall have direct access to a corridor and outside exposure with the floor at or above grade level.

D. SIZE:

(1) The minimum floor area per bed shall be one hundred (100) square feet in single rooms and eighty (80) square feet per bed in multiple bedrooms, exclusive of vestibule, closets, built-in vanity and wardrobe, toilet rooms and built-in lockers. The department may waive this requirement in individual cases where the facility has demonstrated in writing that such variations are in accordance with the particular needs of the residents and will not adversely affect their health and safety.

(2) Resident rooms shall be large enough to permit the sides and feet of all beds to be not less than two (2) feet from the nearest walls.

(3) Ceilings shall be at least eight (8) feet in height.

E. WINDOWS: The bottom sill of windows in bedrooms shall be no more than three (3) feet from the floor.

F. BED CAPACITY: No rooms shall house more than four (4) beds.

G. BED ARRANGEMENTS: The beds shall be arranged so that the beds shall be at least three (3) feet apart and clear aisle space of at least three (3) feet from the entrance to the room to each bed shall be provided.

H. CLOSET SPACE: A closet or locker shall be provided for each resident in each bedroom. Closets or lockers shall afford a space of not less than fifteen (15) inches wide by eighteen (18) inches deep by five (5) feet in height for each resident bed.

I. CUBICLE CURTAINS: Each bed in a multiple-bed room shall have a flame retardant or flameproof cubicle curtain or an equivalent divider that will assure resident privacy.

J. ROOM IDENTIFICATION: Each bedroom shall be identified with a unique number placed on or near the door.

K. DESIGN AND PROXIMITY TO BATHS: Residents' bedrooms shall be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care and the comfort and privacy of residents. Each bedroom shall have or shall be conveniently located near adequate toilet and bathing facilities.

Toilet Area

D. TOWELS, WASHCLOTHS, AND SOAP:

(1) Clean towels and washcloths shall be provided to each resident as needed. Towels shall not be used by more than one resident between launderings.

(2) An individual towel rack shall be installed at each resident's bedside or at the lavatory.

(3) Single service towels and soap shall be provided at each lavatory for use by staff.

(4) Toilet room doors: Resident toilet room doors shall be not less than three (3) feet zero (0) inches by six (6) feet eight (8) inches, and shall not swing into the toilet room unless they are provided with two way hardware.
A. GENERAL: All lavatories required by this subsection shall have hot and cold running water. Toilets shall be water flushed and equipped with open front seats without lids.

(1) Toilet facilities shall be provided in conjunction with each resident’s rooms, with not more than two (2) residents’ rooms, and not more than four (4) beds per toilet room.

(2) One toilet and one lavatory for not more than four (4) residents shall be provided and separate facilities shall be provided for each sex.

(3) One tub or shower for every twenty (20) residents shall be provided. The bath or shower shall be located on the same floor as the residents served. Facilities for showering with a wheeled shower chair shall be provided.

(4) Every tub, shower, or toilet shall be separated in such a manner that it can be used independently and afford privacy.

(5) On floors where wheelchair residents are cared for, there shall be a toilet room large enough to accommodate a wheelchair and attendant.

C. GRAB BARS: Firmly secured grab bars shall be installed in every toilet and bathing compartment used by residents.

D. WHEELCHAIR FACILITIES:

(1) On floors housing residents who use wheelchairs, there shall be at least one toilet room large enough to accommodate wheelchairs.

E. The requirement of separate facilities for male and female residents is not applicable to facilities used by married couples sharing a room, or those referenced in Section 9.2.72.A if the facilities are not used by other residents.

New Construction: Room and Bath

Summary: Minimum Bed Size; Minimum Linens Specified; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Same Sex in Rooms Unless Married, Related, or Consenting Adults; Minimum Room Size; Space Between Beds; Beds per Room; Flame-Retardant or Flameproof Privacy Curtains; Ceiling Height; Proximity to Toilet and Bathing Facilities; Grab Bars; Doors; Storage
and one end. No bed shall be closer than three feet to a window, radiator, or an adjacent bed.

(2) All beds in multi-resident rooms shall have flame-retardant cubicle curtains for resident privacy.

(3) Resident bedrooms shall be arranged and furnished so that it shall be possible to move a resident from a bed to a stretcher and in or out of the room without moving other beds in the room.

(4) A closet or locker, measuring at least eighteen inches by eighteen inches by sixty inches high or the equivalent thereof, acceptable to the department, shall be provided for each resident and shall be located within, or directly adjacent to each resident bedroom.

(5) A handwashing facility shall be provided within or adjacent to each resident bedroom.

(6) Every resident bedroom shall have an exit access door leading directly to a corridor, which leads to an exit. One adjacent room may intervene, but this shall be limited to a lounge or anteroom.

(j) Each resident bedroom shall have direct access to an outside exposure. Windowsills shall not be higher than three feet above the finished floor, and shall be above grade.

1975-1990:

(b) Each resident bedroom shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The maximum room capacity shall be four residents.

(2) The minimum room areas exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves, or vestibules shall be one hundred twenty five square feet in single bedrooms and one hundred square feet per bed in multi-bed rooms.

(3) Each room shall have a window that can be opened without the use of tools. The windowsills shall not be higher than three feet above the finished floor and shall be above grade.

(7) Each resident shall have a wardrobe, locker, or closet with minimum clear dimensions of one foot ten inches by one foot eight inches. An adjustable clothes rod and shelf shall be provided.

(8) Visual privacy shall be provided for each resident in multi-bed rooms with noncombustible cubicle curtains.

(9) No resident bedroom shall be located more than one hundred twenty feet from the soiled workroom or the soiled holding room, or the clean work room or clean holding room.

1990-2010:

(4) At least one-tenth of the total number of residents in any facility shall be located in single rooms, with at least one toilet shared between two single rooms.

(b) Each resident bedroom shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The maximum room capacity shall be two residents. Changes to the maximum number of two residents per room may be made upon a determination by the department that an alternate room configuration provides a clearly superior resident environment for residents with unusual care requirements. The maximum capacity of single rooms is one resident and such capacity shall not be exceeded.

(2) The net useable area and configuration of each room shall permit wheelchair accessibility. The bedroom shall be designed to permit wheelchair access and a minimum five foot (5'-0") diameter turnaround adjacent to at least one side of each bed. Where one side of a bed is permitted to be placed against a side wall of the room and resident care needs require additional space between the bed and the wall, the room shall be of sufficient dimension to maintain the required five foot (5'-0")
turning space. Furniture and equipment intended for resident use shall be made accessible and useable by residents confined to a wheelchair.

(3) Each room shall have a window that can be opened without the use of tools. The windowsills shall not be higher than three feet above the floor and shall be above grade. Windows with operable sashes shall be provided with insect screens. Window openings shall be designed to prevent accidental falls when open, or shall be provided with security screens.

(6) Each resident shall have a wardrobe or closet with minimum clear inside dimensions of three feet long by one foot ten inches deep. An adjustable clothes rod and shelf shall be provided at heights useable by residents.

(7) Visual privacy shall be provided for each resident in multi-bed rooms through the use of non-combustible cubicle curtains.

(8) Medical equipment for the care and treatment of residents shall be provided in a resident’s room as required by the resident’s medical condition. In addition, each resident shall be provided with the following room furnishings:
   (i) a bed;
   (ii) a dresser and nightstand or a dresser/nightstand combination which provides sufficient space for residents’ personal effects;
   (iii) over-bed tables as may be required;
   (iv) a wall tackboard/display panel;
   (v) a lockable drawer to personal valuables and storage of medications; and,
   (vi) chairs for visitors and socialization.

Toilet Area

PRE-1975:

(i) Each resident bedroom shall be equipped with or shall be conveniently located near adequate toilet and bathing facilities. Centralized toilets and bathing facilities, if provided, shall be on the same floor as the resident bedrooms served. At least one centralized toilet shall be provided for every eight resident beds in rooms without adjacent toilet facilities to serve the occupants of the room.

(b) Resident toilets and bathing facilities shall be equipped with grab bars, firmly secured to the walls and/or fixtures, for the convenient use of the residents.

1975-1990:

(5) One lavatory shall be provided in each resident room. The lavatory may be omitted from a single or a double bedroom when a lavatory is located in an adjoining toilet room, which serves that room only.

(6) Each resident shall have access to a toilet room without entering the general corridor area. One toilet room shall serve no more than four certified beds and no more than two resident rooms. The toilet room shall contain a water closet and a lavatory. The lavatory may be omitted only from a toilet room that serves not more than two single bedrooms if each such single bedroom contains a lavatory.

(d) Residents’ toilet facilities shall comply with the following:
(1) The minimum dimensions of a room containing only a water closet shall be three feet by six feet; additional space shall be provided if a lavatory is located within the same room. Water closets must be conveniently located and usable by wheelchair bound residents.

(2) At least one room with a lavatory and water closet on each nursing floor shall be provided for toilet training. It shall be accessible from the nursing corridor. A clearance of three feet shall be provided at the front and at each side of the water closet.

(3) A toilet room shall be accessible to each central bathing area without going through the general corridor. This may be arranged to serve as the required toilet training facility.

(3) All rooms containing bathtubs, sitz baths, showers and water closets that are used or subject to occupancy by residents shall be equipped with doors and hardware that permit access from the outside in any emergency. When such rooms have only one opening or are small, the doors shall be capable of opening outwards or be otherwise designed to be opened without need to push against a resident who may have collapsed within the room.

(15) Grab bars shall be provided at all residents’ toilets, showers, tubs and sitz baths. The bars shall have one and one-half inch clearance to walls and shall have sufficient strength and anchorage to sustain a concentrated load of two hundred fifty pounds.

(16) Recessed soap dishes shall be provided in showers and bathrooms.

(19) Location and arrangement of handwashing facilities shall permit their proper use and operation. Particular care should be given to the clearances required for blade-type operating handles. Lavatories intended for use by residents shall be installed to permit use by residents in wheelchairs.

(20) Mirrors shall be arranged for convenient use by residents in wheelchairs as well as by residents in a standing position.

(21) Paper towel dispensers and waste receptacles shall be provided at all handwashing fixtures.

(ii) The water supply spout for lavatories and sinks required in resident care areas shall be mounted so that its discharge point is a minimum distance of five inches above the rim of the fixture. All fixtures used by medical and nursing staff, and all lavatories used by residents and food handlers shall be trimmed with valves, which can be operated without the use of hands. Where blade handles are used for this purpose, they shall not exceed four and one-half inches in length, except that handles on clinical sinks shall be not less than six inches long.

1990-2010:

(5) Each resident shall have access to a toilet room without entering the general corridor area. One toilet room shall serve no more than two residents. The toilet room shall contain a water closet and a lavatory. Changes to the number of residents using one toilet room may be made on a case-by-case basis upon a determination by the department that such alternative does not adversely affect resident care and/or as special care needs of resident may require.

(13) Residents’ toilet facilities shall comply with the following:

(i) Each resident toilet room shall be designed to permit wheelchair access and use. The size and configuration of the room, including the placement of fixtures within, shall allow space for staff
assistance in transferring a wheelchair resident to the water closet.

(ii) A toilet room shall be accessible to each central bathing area without going through the general corridor.

(10) Recessed soap dishes shall be provided in showers and bathrooms.

(13) The location and arrangement of handwashing facilities shall permit their proper use and operation. Particular care shall be given to the clearances required for blade-type operating handles. Lavatories intended for use by residents shall be installed to permit use by residents in wheelchairs.

(14) Mirrors shall be arranged for convenient use by residents in wheelchairs as well as by residents in a standing position.

(15) Paper towel dispensers and waste receptacles shall be provided at all handwashing fixtures.

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

**Title:** Section 713-4.4 - Resident units

713-4.4 Resident units.

(a) The number of residents in a resident unit arranged in a linear layout shall not exceed forty. However, the Department will consider exceptions to this requirement to enhance the quality of life for residents when a higher number of residents clearly achieves a savings in operational costs, improves resident services and is based upon sub-groups of residents (sub-units).

(b) When sub-units are used, each sub-unit shall be arranged so as to provide access to a bathing room and a soiled workroom or soiled holding room located within, or readily accessible to, the unit.

(c) At least one-tenth of the total residents in any facility shall be located in single rooms. Each room shall have a window that can be opened without the use of tools. The windowsills shall not be higher than two feet eight inches above the finished floor to facilitate views to the exterior for residents seated in wheelchairs, and shall be above grade.

(d) Each resident shall have a wardrobe or closet with minimum clear inside dimensions of three feet by one foot ten inches deep. Drawer space may be provided as part of the wardrobe, as long as hanging space measuring two feet wide by one foot ten inches deep by five feet high, accessible to the resident, is maintained.

**Summary:** Rooms to be Designed and Equipped for Adequate Nursing Care, Comfort, and Privacy; Room Capacity (Date-Specific); Privacy Curtains; Room Location; Minimum Furnishings (Date-Specific); Toilet Room Access and Capacity (Date-Specific); Mirrors; Windows
Resident Bedroom

(a) The net floor area of a single bedroom shall not be less than 100 square feet and the net floor area of a room for more than one bed shall not be less than 80 square feet per bed. The 80 square feet and 100 square feet requirements shall be exclusive of closets, toilet rooms, vestibules or wardrobes. When a designated single room exceeds 159 net square feet in floor area, it shall remain a single bedroom and cannot be used as a multi-bedroom unless approved in advance by the Division to meet the requirements of G.S. 131E, Article 9.

(h) For nursing beds, separate bedroom closets or wardrobes shall be provided in each bedroom to provide each occupant with a minimum of 36 cubic feet of clothing storage space at least half of which is for hanging clothes.

(i) For adult care home beds, separate bedroom closets or wardrobes shall be provided in each bedroom to provide each adult care home resident with a minimum of 48 cubic feet of clothing storage space at least half of which is for hanging clothes.

(j) Some means for patients and residents to lock personal articles within the facility shall be provided.

(b) Flame resistant privacy screens or curtains shall be provided in multi-bedded rooms.

Toilet Area

(k) A toilet room shall be directly accessible from each patient room and from each central bathing area without going through the general corridor. One toilet room may serve two patient rooms but not more than eight beds. The lavatory may be omitted from the toilet room if one is provided in each patient room. One tub or shower shall be provided for each 15 beds not individually served. There shall be at least one bathtub accessible on three sides and one shower provided for each 60 beds or fraction thereof.

(a) Handgrips shall be provided for all toilet and bath facilities used by patients. Handrails shall be provided on both sides of all corridors used by patients.

New Construction: Room and Bath

**Summary:** Minimum Room Size; Storage; Flame Resistant Privacy Screens; Access to Toilet Room; Toilet Room Capacity; Handgrips
meters] free of fixed obstructions and the floor area may not be less than one hundred twenty square feet [11.15 square meters].

3. The smallest dimension of a rectangular multiple resident room may not be less than eleven feet six inches [3.51 meters] free of fixed obstructions, except in specially arranged rectangular rooms such as toe-to-toe arrangements where the minimum clear width may not be less than ten feet [3.05 meters] free of fixed obstructions.

4. In other than a rectangular-shaped room, the principles of space allocation specified by the minimum dimensions and floor area requirements in a rectangular-shaped room must be adhered to.

5. Each resident room must have an outside wall with natural light provided by a window. The area of the glazing material in the window may not be less than one-tenth of the floor area of the resident room.

6. In existing construction, a multiple resident room may not permit more than two beds side by side parallel to the window wall.

2. Separate storage space with provisions for locking and security control must be provided for residents' personal effects.

Toilet Area

10. Resident toilet rooms must be functionally accessible and usable by the residents which they serve.

1. Soap in a soap dispenser must be provided at all lavatories and sinks used by personnel for handwashing.

d. Bedpan flushing devices must be provided in not less than half of the resident toilet rooms and in the soiled workroom. In new construction, rough-in plumbing for bedpan flushing devices in the remaining resident toilet rooms is required.

New Construction: Room and Bath

7. In new construction, a multiple resident room must be designed to permit no more than two beds. In new construction, a resident toilet room must provide space for two staff members to assist a resident as needed.

Summary: Minimum Room Size; Natural Light; Window Size/Glazing Material; Beds per Room (Existing and New Construction); Toilet Rooms; Storage

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

OKLAHOMA

Resident Bedroom

Each nursing unit shall provide the following:

(1) Resident room with a maximum capacity of four residents.

(2) Resident room with a minimum room area exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves or vestibules, shall be 100 sq. ft. in single bed rooms and 80 sq. ft. per bed in multi-bed rooms. Except that in specialized facilities serving only infants and/or children the minimum space per unit shall be 60 sq. ft. per crib. The maximum capacity of pediatric nurseries or rooms for infants or children utilizing cribs shall be twenty.

(5) Each resident shall have a wardrobe, locker, or closet with minimum clear dimensions of 1’10” (55.9cm.) by 1’8” (50.8 cm.). A clothes rod and adjustable shelf shall be provided.

(6) Visual privacy shall be provided each resident in multi-bed rooms. Design for privacy shall not restrict resident access to entry, lavatory, or toilet.

(7) No resident room shall be located more than 120 ft. (36.6 m.) from the soiled workroom or the soiled holding room.

Toilet Area

(3) One lavatory shall be provided in each resident room. The lavatory may be omitted from a single-bed or a 2-bed room when a lavatory is located in an adjoining toilet room which serves that room only.

(4) Each resident shall have access to a toilet room without entering the general corridor area. One toilet room shall serve no more than four (4) beds and no more than two (2) resident rooms. The toilet room shall contain a water closet and a lavatory. The lavatory may be omitted from a toilet room which serves single-bed and 2-bed rooms if each such resident's room contains a lavatory.

(10) Resident's toilet facilities. The minimum dimensions of a room containing only a water closet shall be 3’0” (91 cm.) by 6’0” (1.83 m.). Additional space shall be provided if a lavatory is located
within the same room. Water closets may be located to be usable by wheelchair residents. A toilet room shall be accessible to each central bathing area without going through the general corridor.

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(B) All rooms containing bathtubs, sitz baths, showers, and water closets, subject to occupancy by residents, shall be equipped with doors and hardware which will permit access from the outside in any emergency. When such rooms have only one opening or are small, the doors shall be capable of opening outward or be otherwise designed to be opened without need to push against a resident who may have collapsed within the room.

(C) The minimum width of all doors to resident rooms and rooms needing access for beds shall be 3'8" (1.12 m.). Doors to rooms needing access for stretchers and to resident's toilet rooms and other rooms needing access for wheelchairs shall have a minimum width of 2'10" (86.3 cm.).

(F) Resident rooms intended for occupancy of 24 hours or more shall have windows operable without the use of tools and shall have sills not more than 3'0" (91 cm.) above the floor. Windows in buildings designed with an engineered smoke control system in accordance with NFPA 90A are not required to be operable. However, attention is called to the fact that natural ventilation possible with operable windows may in some areas permit a reduction in energy requirements.

(J) Grab bars shall be provided at all residents' toilets, showers, tubs, and sitz baths. The bar shall have 1 1/2" (3.8 cm.) clearance to walls and shall have sufficient strength and anchorage to sustain a concentrated load of 250 lbs. (113.4 kg.).

(K) Recessed soap dishes shall be provided in showers and bathrooms.

(M) Location and arrangement of handwashing facilities shall permit their proper use and operation.

(N) Lavatories and handwashing facilities shall be securely anchored to withstand an applied vertical load of not less than 250 lbs. (113.4 kg.) on the front of the fixture.

(O) Mirrors shall be arranged for convenient use by residents in wheelchairs as well as by residents in a standing position. Mirrors shall not be installed at handwashing fixtures in food preparation areas.

(P) Provisions for hand drying shall be included at all handwashing facilities. These shall be single-use separate, individual paper or cloth units enclosed in such a way as to provide protection against the dust or soil and ensure single unit dispensing. Hot air dryers are permitted provided that installation is such to preclude possible contamination by recirculation of air.

**Summary:** Beds per Room; Minimum Room Size; Lavatory in Room; Wardrobe, Locker or Closet; Proximity to Soiled Workroom/Soiled Holding Room; Privacy; Doors; Windows; Grab Bars; Mirrors
Resident Bedroom

Each resident care unit shall provide the following:

(1) Resident Rooms. Each resident room shall meet the following requirements:
   (a) Capacity. Maximum room capacity shall be four residents;
   (b) Size:
      (A) Minimum room areas exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers or wardrobes, alcoves or vestibules shall be 120 square feet in singlebed rooms and 100 square feet per bed in multi-bed rooms:
         (i) Room dimensions shall allow at least three feet between the side of each bed and any wall;
         (ii) Room dimensions shall allow at least four feet between adjacent beds and three feet six inches at the foot of each bed;
         (iii) Beds may be rearranged to satisfy the needs and desires of individual residents; and
         (iv) At least 50 percent of the resident rooms shall be designed to allow a five foot diameter circle of clear floor area for turning of wheelchairs immediately inside the resident room entrance and immediately outside each resident toilet room.
      (B) In facilities caring for pediatric residents where bed size does not exceed that of a six-year crib, the minimum floor space allowance shall be 60 square feet for each crib;
      (C) Space shall be provided in each room for an armchair, geriatric chair or wheelchair for each resident.
   (c) Closet. Each resident shall have a wardrobe locker or closet within the resident’s room. Each locker or closet shall have minimum clear dimensions of 30 inches by 24 inches by 60 inches. The space shall include a rod, at least 15 inches long, with 54 inches (vertical) of hanging space;
   (d) Lockable Storage. Each resident shall be provided with a lockable closet or drawer with a minimum of 0.5 cubic feet. The lockable storage space may be included within the closet space defined in subsection (1)(c) of this rule;
   (e) Privacy. The facility shall provide full visual privacy by means of cubicle curtains for each resident in multi-bed rooms. Design for privacy shall not restrict the exit/access of other residents from/to the resident room, handwash sink, or toilet. "Full visual privacy" in a multi-bed room means curtains which prevent staff, visitors and other residents from seeing a resident in bed, but which allow staff, visitors and other residents access to the toilet room, handwash sink and entrance;
   (f) Door. Each resident room shall have a door which directly accesses an exit corridor. The door opening shall have a horizontal clearance of 44 inches and shall not swing into the exit corridor;
   (g) Other Requirements. See rules relating to lighting (OAR 411-087-0430), toilets and handwash sinks (OAR 411-087-0310), nurse call systems (OAR 411-087-0440) and windows (OAR 411-087-0400).

(3) Exceptions:
   (a) Number of Residents Per Room. The number of residents in a room may exceed four if the room has been continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 for a number equal to or greater than the number of residents for which the license is requested unless otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010;
   (b) Room Size. The dimensions of a resident room which has been continuously licensed since
January 1, 1992 shall be considered to be in compliance with subsection (1)(b) of this rule unless otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010. In facilities which do not comply with subparagraph (1)(b) (A)(iv) of this rule, all new construction which increases licensed bed capacity shall be required to meet the clearance requirements in said subparagraph until the 50 percent requirement is met;
(c) Closet. The size and design of the resident closet in a room which has been continuously licensed since January 1, 1992 shall be considered to be in compliance with subsection (1)(c) of this rule unless otherwise provided by OAR 411-087-0010;
(d) Locked. Facilities continuously licensed since January 1, 1992, shall only be required to have locked storage in accordance with this rule if the resident or significant other requests locked storage.

Toilet Area

(a) Resident toilets:

(A) Access. Each resident room shall have direct access to a toilet room without entering the general corridor area;

(B) Number. One toilet room shall serve no more than four beds and no more than two resident rooms;

(C) Handwash sink. Each toilet room shall contain a toilet and a handwash sink. The handwash sink may be omitted from a toilet room serving only one resident room if the room is a single-bed room and contains a handwash sink;

(D) Dimensions. The dimensions of a resident toilet room shall be sufficient to allow access and self transfer by a resident in a wheelchair or with the assistance of an attendant. The distance from the toilet plumbing wall to the opposite wall shall be no less than six feet;

(E) Privacy. Partitions between toilet shall be provided. These partitions shall be at least six feet in height and provide for privacy. Privacy curtains may be used in bathing areas in lieu of fixed partitions.

(3) Handwashing Facilities:

(a) Sinks, Water Supply Spouts, Faucet Handles:

(A) Each resident room shall have a handwash sink. The handwash sink may be omitted from a single-bed room if the adjacent toilet room serves only one resident room;

(B) Handwash sinks shall be securely anchored to withstand an applied vertical load of not less than 250 pounds (113.4 kilograms) on the front of the fixture;

(C) Handwash sinks shall be wheelchair accessible;

(D) Sink faucets shall have a single spout (outlet) which discharges both hot and cold water;

(E) All handwash sinks shall be trimmed with single-lever or write-blade faucet handles which are operable without the use of hands.

(b) Mirrors:
(A) Mirrors shall be arranged for convenient use by residents in wheelchairs and in a standing position. Mirrors are not required in rooms exclusively serving residents whose care plans indicate mirrors are contraindicated; 

(B) Mirrors shall not be installed at handwash sinks in food preparation areas. 

(c) Hand Drying. Provisions for hand drying shall be included at all handwash sinks except scrub sinks. These shall be single use separate individual paper or cloth units enclosed in such a way as to provide protection against dust or soil and insure single unit dispensing. 

New Construction: Room and Bath

**Summary:** Beds per Room; Minimum Room Size; Space Between Beds; Space for Wheelchair Movement; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Closet Size (Date-Specific); Mirrors; Access to Toilet Rooms and Lavatories; Lockable Storage

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**Resident Bedroom**

(b) A door to a resident room shall swing into the room.

§ 205.14. **Locks.**

Doors into rooms used by residents may not be locked from the outside when the resident is in the room.

§ 205.20. **Resident bedrooms.**

(a) A bed for a resident shall be placed only in a bedroom approved by the Department.

(b) The maximum number of residents who may be accommodated in the facility shall be indicated on the license.

(c) The number of resident bedrooms and the number of beds in a room may not exceed the maximum number approved by the Department.

(d) Single bed bedrooms shall provide minimum room area clearance, in addition to the area of closets, vestibule, wardrobes and toilet rooms, of 100 square feet.

(e) Single resident bedrooms in facilities licensed prior to January 1975, shall contain at least 80 square feet of space.

(f) A multibed bedroom shall provide minimum room area clearances, in addition to the area of closets, vestibule, wardrobes and toilet rooms of 80 square feet per bed.

(g) In facilities licensed prior to January 1975, resident multibed bedrooms shall have at least 65 square feet of space per resident.

§ 205.22. **Placement of beds.**

A bed may not be placed in proximity to radiators, heat vents, air conditioners, direct glare of natural light or drafts unless adequate provisions are made for resident comfort and safety.
§ 205.23. Location of bedrooms.
A resident bedroom shall have adjoining toilet facilities and shall be located conveniently near
bathing facilities, except for those facilities licensed prior to January 1975.

§ 205.71. Bed and furnishings.
A bed shall be equipped with a firm supporting mattress which is equal to the size of the frame and
provides for the comfort and safety of the resident.

§ 205.72. Furniture.
A resident shall be provided with a drawer or cabinet in the resident’s room that can be locked.

§ 205.74. Linen.
The facility shall have available at all times a quantity of linens essential for proper care and
comfort of residents.

Toilet Area
(c) A door to a toilet room which swings into the toilet area shall be equipped with special
hardware which permits the door to be opened from the outside, and swing out, in case of
emergency.
(d) Resident and visitor toilet stall doors shall swing out. Curtains or equivalent shall be considered
as meeting this requirement.

§ 205.38. Toilet facilities.
(a) In toilet rooms that adjoin resident bedrooms, there shall be at least one toilet for four
residents. This shall be directly accessible from bedrooms without entering the general corridor. In
no case may one toilet service more than two bedrooms. The minimum dimension of a resident
toilet room containing only a toilet shall be 3 feet by 6 feet.
(b) There may be no less than 3 1/2 feet of space from front of toilet to opposite wall or fixtures.
(c) There shall be at least one toilet on each floor to accommodate residents in wheelchairs.
(d) At least one toilet room shall be provided for toilet training. This room shall be accessible from
the nursing corridor and may serve the bathing area. Minimum dimensions for a toilet-training
room containing only a toilet shall be 5 feet by 6 feet.
(e) Floors or units with more than eight residents of both sexes shall be provided with separate
toilet fixtures in a ratio of 1:4 or major fraction thereof for each sex. In existing facilities, overall
toilet fixtures shall be provided in a ratio of 1:8 or major fraction thereof for each bed.
(f) Toilets and lavatories other than resident facilities shall be provided for male and female visitors
in facilities.

§ 205.39. Toilet room equipment.
(a) Toilet rooms shall be provided with lavatory, soap or soap dispenser, paper towels, mechanical
dryer or other sanitary means of toweling. In toilet rooms adjacent to bedrooms, the lavatory may
be omitted if provided in each bedroom.
(b) Toilets used by residents shall be provided with handrails or assist bars on each side capable of
sustaining a weight of 250 pounds and an emergency call bell within reaching distance.

§ 205.40. Lavatory facilities.
(a) A floor occupied by residents shall have lavatories in the ratio of 1:4 residents or major fraction
thereof. In existing facilities, lavatory fixtures shall be provided in a ratio of 1:8 or major fraction
thereof for each bed.
(b) A mirror shall be over each lavatory used by residents.
New Construction: Room and Bath

Summary: Minimum Room Size; Protection from Heat Sources, etc.; Room Capacity; Room Location; Minimum Furnishings; Toilet Room and Lavatory Capacity; Doors and Locking

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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)

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**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Resident Bedroom**

B. Each resident room shall open directly to an approved exit access corridor without passage through another occupied space or shall have an approved exit directly to the outside at grade level and accessible to a public space free of encumbrances. As an exception, two (2) resident rooms that share a common adjoining “sitting” area may share one (1) opening onto the exit access corridor or have an approved exit directly to the outside at grade level and accessible to a public space free of encumbrances. (I)

**2802. Resident Rooms**

A. Each resident room shall be equipped with the following as a minimum for each resident:
1. A comfortable single bed equipped with assist rails when required for the safety or mobility of the resident, having a mattress with moisture-proof cover, sheets, blankets, bedspread, pillow, and pillowcases; roll-away type beds, cots, bunkbeds, and folding beds shall not be used. It is permissible to utilize a double bed, a recliner in lieu of a bed, remove a resident bed and place the mattress on a platform or pallet, or utilize a hometype bed, provided the space available in the room is adequate. Such cases of alternative bedding arrangements shall be approved by a physician or other legally authorized healthcare provider. As an exception, in the case of a couple sharing the same room, a double bed is permitted in lieu of two (2) licensed single beds if requested by the couple and approved by a physician or other legally authorized healthcare provider. For all other requirements, this room shall be considered a resident room with two (2) licensed beds; (II)
2. A closet or wardrobe, with at least four (4) square feet of floor space and at least five (5) feet of vertical hanging space, a bureau, and a compartmentalized bedside table or nightstand to adequately accommodate each resident’s personal clothing, belongings, and toilet articles. Built-in
storage is permitted. As an exception, in existing facilities, if square footage is limited, residents may share these storage areas; however, specific spaces within these storage areas shall be provided particular to each resident;

3. A comfortable chair;
4. A reading lamp, at least one (1) wastebasket, and an overbed table, as needed;
5. With the exception of furniture (unless otherwise allowed by facility policy), a resident shall have the choice to bring familiar items from home as part of the furnishing to his or her room, e.g., wall pictures, paintings, vases.

B. Each resident room shall be an outside room with an outside window or door. This window or door shall not open onto a common enclosed area, e.g., screened porch. (II)

C. There shall be at least two (2) lockable casters on each bed, located either diagonally or on the same side of the bed.

D. Beds of household height may be used provided hospital type beds that can be elevated and adjusted are provided as necessary to enhance care delivery.

E. Beds shall not be placed in corridors, solaria, or other locations not designated as resident room areas. (II)

F. No resident room shall contain more than three (3) beds. There shall be at least three (3) feet between beds. (II)

G. No resident room shall be located in a basement.

H. Access to a resident room shall not be by way of another resident room, restroom, or kitchen.

I. No resident room shall be located more than one-hundred and fifty (150) feet from the staff work area.

J. Equipment such as bedpans, urinals, and emesis basins, necessary to meet resident needs, shall be provided. (II)

K. Assist rails may be utilized when required for safety or resident mobility. When there are special concerns, e.g., residents with Alzheimer’s disease and/or related dementia, assist rail usage shall be monitored by staff members in accordance with facility policies and procedures. (II)

L. Cubicle curtains with built-in curtain tracks shall be provided in all multiple bed rooms, which will shield each bed from other beds and also shield each bed from view from the corridor when the room door to the corridor is open. (II)

M. Consideration shall be given to resident compatibility in the assignment of rooms for which there is multiple occupancy.

2803. Resident Room Floor Area

A. The resident room floor area is a usable or net area and does not include wardrobes (built-in or freestanding), closets, entry door swing area, or the entry alcove to the room. The following is the minimum floor space allowed: (II)

1. Rooms for only one (1) resident: one-hundred (100) square feet;
2. Rooms for more than one (1) resident: eighty (80) square feet per resident.
B. In determining room design, consideration shall be given to the needs of the resident(s) including, but not limited to, accessibility to bed, restroom, closet, and possessions.

2812. Doors (II)

A. Doors to resident occupied rooms (sleeping or treatment) shall conform to the requirements of the applicable sections of the adopted State, Federal, or local codes, ordinances, and regulations, whichever is most stringent, and large enough to accommodate bed movement.

C. All resident rooms, restrooms, and rooms where bathing takes place shall have nontransparent doors.

F. Doorways from resident occupied rooms or exit-access passageways to the outside of the facility shall be at least eighty (80) inches in height and forty-four (44) inches in width.

2818. Window Dressings (II)
In restrooms and resident rooms, window dressings shall provide privacy.

Toilet Area

2805. Baths and Restrooms

B. In baths and restrooms, the restroom floor area shall not be less than thirty (30) square feet. If the room contains only a toilet and handwashing sink, the minimum area of the room shall be eighteen (18) square feet. (II)

C. For residents, the minimum number of toilets shall be one (1) toilet for each four (4) licensed beds or fraction thereof.

F. All bathtubs, toilets, and showers used by residents shall have approved grab bars securely fastened in a usable fashion on at least one (1) side of the bathtub, toilet, and shower and shall be mounted thirty-three to thirty-six (33-36) inches above the floor. (II)

G. Privacy shall be provided at toilets, urinals, bathtubs, and showers. (II)

D. There shall be at least one (1) handwashing sink adjacent to each toilet. (II)

I. Facilities for persons with disabilities shall be provided as per the applicable sections of the adopted State, Federal, or local codes, ordinances, and regulations, whichever is most stringent, regardless whether any of the residents are classified as having a disability. (II)

J. All restroom floors shall be covered with an approved nonabsorbent covering. Walls shall be nonabsorbent, washable surfaces to the highest level reached by splash or spray. (II)

K. There shall be a mirror above each restroom handwashing sink. (II)

L. An adequate supply of toilet tissue shall be maintained in each restroom.

M. Easily cleanable waste receptacles shall be provided.

N. Soap, bath towels, and washcloths shall be provided to each resident as needed. Bath linens assigned to specific residents may not be stored in centrally located restrooms. As an exception, bath linens assigned to specific residents for immediate use may be stored in the restroom.
provided the restroom serves a single occupancy (one (1) resident) room, or is shared by occupants of adjoining rooms, for a maximum of six (6) residents. A method that distinguishes linen assignment and discourages common usage shall be implemented. (II)

2806. Handwashing Sinks
A. Each resident room shall have a handwashing sink unless there is an adjoining toilet with a handwashing sink.
B. Each handwashing sink used for handwashing shall be equipped with valves that can be operated without the use of hands.
C. Separate handwashing fixtures shall be provided in the main kitchen, convenient to serving, food preparation, and dishwashing areas, and shall be so located that the individual in charge may supervise handwashing by meal service staff. (II)
D. Handwashing fixtures shall be provided in other service rooms and adjacent to or in all restrooms. (II)
E. Handwashing fixtures shall include hot and cold or tempered running water, handcleansing antibacterial soap from an approved dispenser, and a sanitary individualized method of drying hands. (II)

C. All resident rooms, restrooms, and rooms where bathing takes place shall have nontransparent doors.

New Construction: Room and Bath

Summary: Safety Features of Resident Beds; Minimum Furnishings; Flame-Retardant Curtains; Window Size and Height; Room Location; Doors; Storage; Toilet Rooms; Handwashing Sinks; Room Size; Option to Bring Personal Items; Privacy Curtains

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

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**TEXAS**

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**Resident Bedroom**

(1) Bedrooms must:
(A) accommodate no more than four residents. The total number of beds in ward rooms with three or more beds must not exceed 50% of the total facility capacity in existing facilities unless approved by the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS).
(B) measure at least 80 square feet per resident in multiple resident bedrooms and at least 100 square feet in single resident rooms.
(C) have direct access to an exit corridor.
(D) be designed or equipped to assure full visual privacy for each resident. Appropriate measures must be taken through the use of cubicle curtains, screens, or procedures to protect the privacy and dignity of the residents. Curtains and screens must be rendered and maintained flame-retardant.
(E) in facilities initially certified after March 31, 1992, except in private rooms, have ceiling-suspended curtains for each bed, which extend around the bed to provide total visual privacy, in combination with adjacent walls and curtain (see paragraph (4) of this section).
(F) have at least one operable window to the outside which can readily be opened from the inside without the use of tools. The height of the window sill (opening) must not exceed 36 inches above the floor. The minimum area of windows in each bedroom must equal at least 8.0% of the room area. Operable window sections may be restricted to not more than six nor less than four inches for security or safety reasons if approved in writing by DHS. Each window must be provided with a flame-retardant shade, curtain, or blind.
(G) have a floor at or above grade level.
(2) The facility must provide each resident with:
(A) a separate bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the resident. The bed will be a minimum of 36 inches wide with a headboard of sturdy construction. Each bed must be provided with suitable bedspreads and blankets to assure the comfort and warmth of each resident, and must not be passed from resident to resident without first being laundered. The bed of each resident with physician’s orders for bedrails must have bedrails affixed to both sides of the bed;
(B) a clean, comfortable mattress with a moisture-proof cover, and a comfortable pillow;
(C) bedding appropriate to the weather and climate; and
(D) functional furniture appropriate to the resident’s needs including a comfortable chair, bedside cabinet, and individual closet space in the resident bedroom with at least 16 inches of hanging space, shelves for personal belongings accessible to the resident, and closeable door(s). Each bedroom must be provided with at least one noncombustible wastebasket.

(3) DHS may permit variations in requirements specified in paragraph (1)(A) and (B) of this section relating to rooms in individual cases when the facility demonstrates in writing that the variations:
(A) are required by the special needs of the residents; and
(B) will not adversely affect residents’ health and safety.

(4) The width and length of bedrooms and the arrangement of furniture must assure appropriate resident circulation, especially in relation to emergency evacuation and to usual wheelchair movement. Bedrooms should not be less than 10 feet in the smallest dimension. There must be at least 36 inches between beds and should be at least 18 inches between any bed and the adjacent parallel wall that restricts access by the resident (that is, bed sides should not have to be placed against a wall to meet other spacing requirements). Beds must not extend into the bedroom door opening, nor must any other piece of furnishing or equipment be located where it might preclude or inhibit the removal of any bed or closing and latching of the bedroom door in an emergency.

(5) Each bed must have access to a nurse-call device that is part of an electrical nurse-call system.

(6) Each bed must be provided with an appropriate, safe, durable, nonglare, permanently bed-mounted or wall-mounted reading-light fixture. The fixture must be wired in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 70. These fixtures should be mounted at least five feet, six inches above the floor. The switch must be within reach of a resident in the bed.

(7) At least one duplex receptacle must be provided for each bed. Other duplex receptacles must be provided as needed and/or as required by NFPA 70.

(8) Each bedroom must be assured of having general lighting, either by means of appropriate combination reading light or by means of separate fixture.

(9) For emergency separation from fire and smoke, bedroom doors must be maintained to close completely without dragging or binding, to latch securely, and to fit reasonably tight in the frame. The gap between the floor and the bottom of the closed door must not exceed 3/4 inch.

(10) Vacant bedrooms may not be used for hazardous activities or hazardous storage, unless specifically approved by DHS in writing.

(11) Bedrooms must be identified with a raised or recessed unique number placed on or near the door. Refer to §19.319(c) of this title (relating to Provisions for Persons with Disabilities) and §19.301(c)(5) of this title (relating to Applicable Codes and Standards).
(12) Residents must be permitted and encouraged to have personal possessions in their rooms that do not interfere with their care, treatment, or well-being, or that of other residents. Pediatric resident's rooms should be decorated and furnished in accordance with the age and developmental level of the children and as an expression of their individual preferences.

(13) Locks on bedroom doors are permitted when they meet definite patient needs, including the following situations:
(A) married couples whose rights of privacy could be infringed upon unless bedroom door locks are permitted;
(B) residents for whom the attending physician wants bedroom door locks to enhance their sense of security; and
(C) residents for whom restraint through confinement to their own rooms is necessary for their own and/or other persons' safety.

(14) In situations such as those listed in paragraph (13) of this section, the following guidelines must be met:
(A) bedroom door locks for other than restraining purposes must be of the type which the occupant can unlock at will from inside the room;
(B) all bedroom door locks must be of the type which can be unlocked from the corridor side;
(C) attendants must carry keys which will permit ready accessibility to the locked bedrooms when entrance becomes necessary;
(D) bedroom doors which are locked for resident restraining purposes must be dutch-doors, with only the lower section locked. The upper part of the doorway must be open to permit visual supervision of the residents from the corridor. The dutch door should be easily unlocked by nurses and attendants. Resident restraints of any nature cannot be applied without orders from the attending physician. See §19.601 of this title (relating to Resident Behavior and Facility Practice).
(E) locking of bedroom doors by residents for privacy or security or by nursing facility staff for restraint (dutch door) will not be permitted except when specifically included in the attending physician's written orders or authorized by the nursing facility administrator.

**RULE §19.325 Linen**

(a) The nursing facility must have available at all times a quantity of linen essential for the proper care and comfort of residents. Linens must be handled, stored, and processed so as to control the spread of infection.

(e) Clean towels and washcloths must be provided to each resident as needed or desired. Towels and washcloths must be stored in a sanitary manner between uses by the resident and must not be used by more than one resident between launderings.

(h) Resident's personal clothing that is not soiled with body wastes may be stored in a closed container in the resident's closet. The clothing must be collected and cleaned at least weekly.

(1) Bedroom space arrangement and doors and corridors must be designed for evacuation of bedfast residents by means of rolling the bed to a safe place in the building or to the outside.

(4) Resident rooms. Resident rooms must be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort, and privacy of residents.

(A) Bedrooms must:
(i) accommodate no more than four residents;
(ii) measure at least 80 square feet per resident in multiple resident bedrooms and at least 100 square feet in single resident rooms;
(iii) have direct access to an exit corridor;
(iv) be designed or equipped to assure full visual privacy for each resident;
(v) in facilities initially certified after March 31, 1992, except in private rooms, have ceiling-suspended curtains for each bed, which extend around the bed to provide total visual privacy, in combination with adjacent walls and curtain;
(vi) have at least one window to the outside; and
(vii) have a floor at or above grade level.

(B) The facility must provide each resident with:
(i) a separate bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the resident;
(ii) a clean, comfortable mattress;
(iii) bedding appropriate to the weather and climate; and
(iv) functional furniture appropriate to the resident's needs and individual closet space in the resident's bedroom with clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident.

(C) DHS may permit variations in requirements specified in paragraph (1)(A) and (B) of this section relating to rooms in individual cases when the facility demonstrates in writing that the variations:
(i) are required by the special needs of the residents; and
(ii) will not adversely affect residents' health and safety.

Toilet Area

RULE §19.306 Toilet Facilities

Each resident room must be equipped with or located near toilet and bathing facilities.

(1) Bedrooms not provided with their own (or shared) direct-access toilets and baths must have general-use baths and toilets conveniently located for each sex.

(3) In toilet facilities designed for multi-resident use, water closets must be separated in such a manner that they can be used independently and afford privacy. Toilet paper in a suitable dispenser must be provided within reach of each toilet.

(4) Water closets and lavatories must be provided at a minimum rate of one for each eight beds which are not otherwise served by fixtures directly accessible from resident bedrooms. A lavatory must be provided in or adjacent to each area having a water closet.

(5) Lavatories must be equipped with a mixer faucet and hot and cold water. Resident-use hot water must be provided within the temperature guidelines specified in §19.322(g) of this title (relating to Plumbing).

(6) There must be a sufficient number of toilet rooms and bathing areas designed to accommodate residents in wheelchairs, including sufficient space in or around fixtures. Proper heights, locations, and installations must be made for grab bars, and any mirrors and accessories provided.

(7) Grab bars and lavatories must be substantially anchored to withstand sustained and repeated downward and outward pressure. Grab bars must be provided at all resident water closets and bathing fixtures. New grab bar installations must meet the requirements of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, Elimination of Architectural Barriers Section.
(8) Floors, walls, and ceilings must have a nonabsorbent, cleanable surface. Floors and tub or shower standing surfaces must be slip resistant.

(9) Doors to bathing and toilet facilities must be wide enough for safe and easy passage of residents in wheelchairs. Folding or sliding doors must not be used unless it can be established that no safety hazard exists.

(10) Keys to resident baths or toilets with privacy locks must be kept readily available to staff.

(11) Provision must be made for sanitary hand washing and drying by staff, visitors, or residents at each lavatory.

(12) Bathrooms and toilets rooms must have a negative air pressure in relation to adjacent areas with air exhausted through ducts to the exterior.

(14) Bathtubs, showers, and lavatories must be kept clean and in proper working order. They must not be used for laundering or for storage of soiled materials or for the cleaning of mops or brooms.

(15) Nurse-call devices must be provided at resident-use baths and toilets and be within easy reach of residents.

(16) Electrical outlets in wet areas must be provided with ground fault interrupters, excluding toilet rooms where there are no bathing units.

(5) Toilet facilities. Each resident room must be equipped with or located near toilet and bathing facilities.

New Construction: Room and Bath

RULE §19.305 Resident Rooms

Resident rooms must be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort, and privacy of residents.

RULE §19.334 Architectural Space Planning and Utilization

(a) Resident bedrooms. Each resident bedroom must meet the following requirements:
(1) The maximum room capacity must be four residents.
(2) No more than 25% of the total licensed beds may be in bedrooms with more than two beds each.
(3) Minimum bedroom area, excluding toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves, or vestibules, must be 100 square feet in single occupancy rooms and 80 square feet per bed in multi-bed rooms.
(4) The minimum allowable room dimension is ten feet. The room must be designed to provide at least 36 inches between beds and 24 inches between any bed and the adjacent (parallel) wall.
(5) Each room must have at least one operable outside window arranged and located so that it can be easily opened from the inside without the use of tools or keys. The maximum allowable sill height (to opening) must not exceed 36 inches above the floor. All operative windows must have insect screens. The minimum area of window(s) in each bedroom must equal at least 16 square feet or 8.0% of the room area, whichever is larger.
(6) Each room must have general lighting, bed reading lights, and night lighting. The night light must be switched just inside the entrance to each resident room with a silent type switch unless otherwise approved by the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS). The light providing general illumination must be switchable at the door of the resident room for use of staff and residents. A durable nonglare (opaque front panel) reading light securely anchored to the wall, integrally wired, must be provided for each resident bed. The switch must be within reach of a resident in the bed.

(7) Two duplex or a fourplex grounding type receptacles must be provided beside the head of each bed. Other walls must have duplex receptacles as needed for TV, radio, razors, hairdryers, clocks, and/or as required by the National Electrical Code, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 70), which is a registered trademark of the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., Quincy, Massachusetts 02269.

(8) Each resident must have access to a toilet room without entering the general corridor area. One toilet room must serve no more than two resident rooms. The toilet room must contain a water closet and a lavatory. The lavatory may be omitted from a toilet room which serves two bedrooms if each resident room contains a lavatory. See subsection (c)(1) of this section for baths and other toilet facility requirements.

(9) Each resident must have a bed with a comfortable mattress, a bedside stand with at least two enclosed storage spaces, a dresser, and closet or wardrobe space providing privacy for clothing and personal belongings. Clothes storage space must provide at least 22 inches of lineal hanging space per bed and have closable doors. Chairs and space must be provided for use by residents and/or visitors.

(10) Each room must open onto an exit corridor and must be arranged for convenient resident access to dining, living, and bathing areas.

(11) Visual privacy (such as cubicle curtains) must be available for each resident in multi-bed rooms. Design for privacy must not restrict resident access to entry, lavatory, or toilet, nor may it restrict bed evacuation or obstruct sprinkler flow coverage.

(12) At least one noncombustible wastebasket must be provided in each bedroom.

(13) See the requirements in §19.341(d)(4) of this title (relating to Electrical Requirements) for nurse call systems.

(c) Residents’ bathing and toilet facilities. The following requirements are applicable to bathing and toilet facilities:

(1) Bathtubs or showers must be provided at the rate of one for each 20 beds which are not otherwise served by bathing facilities within residents’ rooms. At least one bathing unit must be provided in each nursing unit. Each tub or shower must be in an individual room or enclosure which provides space for the private use of the bathing fixture, for drying and dressing, and for a wheelchair and an attendant. Each general-use bathing room (those not directly serving adjoining bedrooms) must be provided with at least one water closet (in a stall, room, or area for privacy) and one lavatory. These bathing room(s) must be located conveniently to the bedroom area it serves and must not be more than 100 feet from the farthest bedroom. See requirements in subsection (a)(8) of this section for resident toilets at bedrooms. Each facility must provide at least one whirlpool tub unit as one of the required bathing units.

(2) At least 50% of bathrooms and toilet rooms, fixtures, and accessories must be designed and provided to meet criteria under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 for individuals with disabilities unless otherwise approved by DHS.

(3) All rooms containing bathtubs, sitz baths, showers, and water closets, subject to occupancy by residents, must be equipped with swinging doors and hardware which will permit access from the outside in any emergency.
(4) Bathing areas must be provided with safe and effective auxiliary or supplementary heating. Bathing areas must be free of drafts and must have adequate exhaust ducted to the outside to minimize excess moisture retention and resulting mold and mildew problems.

(5) Tubs and showers must be provided with slip-proof bottoms.

(6) Lavatories and handwashing facilities must be securely anchored to withstand an applied downward load of not less than 250 pounds on the front of the fixtures.

(7) Provision must be made for sanitary hand drying and toothbrush storage at lavatories. There must be paper towel dispensers or separate towel racks and separate toothbrush holders.

(8) Mirrors must be arranged for convenient use by residents in wheelchairs as well as by residents in a standing position, and the minimum size must be 15 inches in width by 30 inches in height, or tilt type.

(9) Rooms with toilets must be provided with effective forced air exhaust ducted to the exterior to help remove odors. Ducted manifold systems are recommended for some multiple-type installations.

(10) Floors, walls, and ceilings must have nonabsorbent surfaces, be smooth, and easily cleanable.

(d) Disposal facilities. Space and facilities must be provided for the sanitary storage of waste by incineration, mechanical destruction, compaction, containerization, removal, or by a combination of these techniques.

(7) Grab bars must be provided at all residents' toilets, showers, tubs, and sitz baths. The bars must be 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 inches in diameter and must have 1-1/2 inch clearance to walls. Bars must have sufficient strength and anchorage to sustain a concentrated load of 250 pounds. Grab bar standards must comply with standards adopted under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

**Summary:** Minimum Beds per Room; Minimum Bed Size; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Minimum Closet Space; Noncombustible Wastebasket; Space Between Beds; Locks Conditionally Permitted; Master Keys; Dutch Doors on Restraining Rooms; New Construction Requirements; Grab Bars; Toilet Room and Lavatory Access and Capacity; Storage; Linens; Personal Belongings

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**Resident Bedroom**

(6) Windows, in rooms intended for 24-hour occupancy, shall be operable.

(4) At least two single-bed rooms, each with private toilet room containing a toilet, lavatory, and bathing facility shall be provided for each nursing unit.

(5) Each room shall have a window in accordance with R432-4-23(5).

(6) Each resident closet shall be a minimum of 22 inches deep by 36 inches wide with a shelf to store clothing and a clothes rod positioned to accommodate full length garments.

**Toilet Area**
(1) Fixtures in all public and resident toilet and bathrooms shall comply with Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, (ADAAG) 28 CFR 36, Appendix A, (July 1993). These rooms shall be wheelchair accessible with wheelchair turning space within the room.

(2) Lavatories, counters, and door clearances within resident rooms shall be wheelchair accessible.

(15) At least one toilet room shall be provided on each floor containing a nursing unit to be used for resident toilet training.
(a) The room shall contain a toilet and lavatory with wheelchair turning space within the room.
(b) A toilet room with direct access from the bathing area shall be provided at each central bathing area if a toilet is not otherwise provided in the bathing area. The toilet training facility may serve this function if there is direct access from the bathing area.
(c) Doors to toilet rooms shall have a minimum width of 34 inches to admit a wheelchair. The doors shall permit access from the outside in case of an emergency.
(d) A handwashing fixture shall be provided in each toilet room.

(16) An equipment storage room with a minimum area of 120 square feet for portable equipment shall be provided.

(1) Grab bars shall be installed in all toilet rooms in accordance with the ADAAG.

New Construction: Room and Bath

(a) In addition to the lavatory in the toilet room, in new construction and remodeling, a lavatory or handwashing sink shall be provided in the resident room.

Summary: Minimum Single-Bed Rooms and Accommodations; Windows; Storage; Toilet Room and Lavatory Accessibility; Grab Bars

VERMONT

Resident Bedroom

(a) Resident rooms must be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort and privacy of residents.

(b) Bedrooms must:
(1) accommodate no more than two residents, except as provided in (e) below;
(2) measure at least 80 square feet per resident in multiple resident bedrooms, and at least 100 square feet in single resident rooms;
(3) have direct access to an exit corridor;
(4) be designed or equipped to assure full visual privacy for each resident;
(5) in facilities initially certified after March 31, 1992, except in private rooms, have ceiling suspended curtains for each bed that extend around the bed to provide total visual privacy in combination with adjacent walls and curtains;
(6) have at least one window to the outside; and
(7) have a floor at or above grade level.
(c) The facility must provide each resident with:
(1) a separate bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the resident;
(2) a clean, comfortable mattress;
(3) bedding appropriate to the weather and climate; and
(4) functional furniture appropriate to the resident’s needs, and individual closet space in the resident’s bedroom with clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident.

(d) The licensing agency may permit variations in requirements specified in subsections 8.4(b)(1) and (2) of this section relating to rooms in individual cases when the facility demonstrates in writing that the variations:
(1) are in accordance with the special needs of the residents; and
(2) will not adversely affect residents’ health and safety.

(e) Resident bedrooms in existence on the effective date of this rule that are designed to accommodate three or four persons may remain in operation, subject to the following conditions:
(1) At least annually, residents who reside in three- or four-bed rooms will be offered the first vacant bed in a semi-private or private room (depending upon payment source) when such bed becomes available and prior to admission of a new resident into such bed. The resident’s patient record shall record the date on which the resident was offered the opportunity to relocate to a semi-private or private room, the resident’s response and, if the resident requests a transfer to a semi-private or private room, the date on which the transfer occurred.
(2) Admission of a new resident to a three- or four-bed room may occur only with the resident’s or the resident’s legal representative’s consent.

(5) Facilities shall provide private space for residents of three or four bedrooms to visit with family, relatives, friends, clergy, etc.

Toilet Area
Each resident room must be equipped with or located near toilet facilities.

New Construction: Room and Bath

(3) Any downsizing or reduction in licensed capacity initiated by the facility must first reduce the number of beds contained in three- and four-bed rooms such that these rooms are converted to semi-private or private occupancy.

(4) Proposals for new construction, expansion, renovation or substantial rehabilitation of a facility requiring Certificate of Need approval pursuant to 18 V.S.A. §9434 will not be approved by the licensing agency unless the construction proposal includes a plan for elimination or conversion of all three- and four-bed rooms to rooms which accommodate no more than two persons.
(i) The terms “renovation or substantial rehabilitation” shall not be deemed to include routine maintenance or repairs due to normal wear and tear.
(ii) “Routine maintenance or repairs” includes, but is not limited to, furnace replacement, roof replacement, rewiring, and repainting and other improvements that do not alter the appearance or layout of the facility.
(iii) Construction that alters the appearance or layout of the facility, including relocation of walls, partitions, doors, creation or subdivision of rooms, or conversion of a portion of the facility for a different use, shall be considered “renovation or substantial rehabilitation” and not “routine maintenance or repair”.

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Virginia regulations do not address physical environment resident room and bathroom

Washington

Resident Bedroom

(1) The nursing home must ensure that each resident bedroom:
(a) Has direct access to a hall or corridor;
(b) Is located on an exterior wall with a transparent glass window; and
(c) Is located to prevent through traffic.

(1) The nursing home must ensure that any resident bedroom has:
(a) No more than two beds between any resident bed and exterior window wall; and
(b) A maximum capacity of four beds.

Size of resident rooms.
The nursing home must ensure that minimum usable room space exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, must:
(1) In existing facilities, be at least eighty square feet per bed in each multibed room and at least one hundred square feet for each single bed room;

Privacy in resident rooms.
The nursing home must ensure that each resident bedroom is designed or equipped to ensure full visual privacy for each resident.

Resident room size variance.
The director of residential care services, aging and disability services administration, or their designee, may permit exceptions to WAC 388-97-2420 (1)(a) and 388-97-2440(1) when the
nursing home demonstrates in writing that the exception:
(1) Is in accordance with the special needs of the resident; and
(2) Will not adversely affect any resident’s health or safety.

**Resident room equipment.**
The nursing home must determine a resident's furniture and equipment needs at the time of admission and routinely thereafter to ensure resident comfort. Except as specified in WAC 388-97-0560, the nursing home must provide each resident with the following items required in WAC 388-97-2540 through 388-97-2680.

**Resident bed and bedside equipment.**
The nursing home must provide:
(1) A comfortable bed of size and height to maximize a resident’s independent functioning. Beds may be arranged to satisfy the needs and desires of the individual resident provided the arrangement does not negatively impact the health or safety of other residents;
(2) Appropriate bedding; and
(3) A bedside cabinet that allows for storage of small personal articles and a separate drawer or enclosed compartment for storage of resident care utensils/equipment.

**Lockable storage space in a resident room.**
The nursing home must provide:
(1) A lockable storage space accessible to each resident for storage of small personal items, upon request; and

**Wardrobes in a resident room.**
The nursing home must provide:
(1) A separated, enclosed wardrobe or closet for each resident’s clothing and belongings accessible to the resident; and

**Seating in a resident room.**
The nursing home must provide comfortable seating for residents and visitors, not including resident care equipment, that provides proper body alignment and support.

**Lighting in resident rooms.**
The nursing home must provide a permanently mounted or equivalent light suitable for any task the resident chooses to do or any task the staff must do.

**Cubicle curtains in resident rooms.**
The nursing home must provide:
(1) Flame-retardant cubicle curtains in multibed rooms that ensures full visual privacy for each resident;

**Toilet Area**

**Resident toilet facilities or rooms.**
The nursing home must ensure that:
(1) Each resident room is equipped with or located convenient to toilet facilities.

**Locks in toilet and bathing facilities.**
The nursing home must ensure:
(1) All lockable toilet facilities and bathrooms have a readily available means of unlocking from the
outside; and
(2) Locks are operable from the inside with a single motion.

New Construction: Room and Bath
(2) In a new building or addition, each resident bedroom must:

(a) Have an exterior transparent glass window:
   (i) With an area equal to at least one-tenth of the bedroom usable floor area;
   (ii) Located twenty-four feet or more from another building or the opposite wall of a court, or ten feet or more away from a property line, except on street sides;
   (iii) Located eight feet or more from any exterior walkway, paved surface, or driveway; and
   (iv) With a sill three feet or less above the floor.

(b) Be located on a floor level at or above grade level except for earth berms. "Grade" means the level of ground adjacent to the building floor level measured at the required exterior window. The ground must be level or slope downward for a distance of at least ten feet from the wall of the building. From there the ground may slope upward to the maximum sill height of the required window at a rate of one foot vertical for two feet horizontal.

(2) In a new building, addition, or change of use to a resident bedroom the maximum capacity is two beds per room, for plans submitted after September 1, 1995.

(2) In a new building or addition, be one-hundred and ten square feet per bed in multibed rooms, and one-hundred square feet in single bed rooms;

(3) In new construction, ensure that the minimum usable room space is also exclusive of vestibules; and

(4) For exceptions to room size requirements refer to WAC 388-97-2180.

(2) In a new building or addition, a lockable cabinet space or drawer for storage of personal belongings for each resident bed, in addition to the bedside cabinet.

(2) In a new building or addition, each bed in each room must have a separate, enclosed wardrobe or closet accessible to the resident with:
   (a) Minimum inside dimensions of twenty-two inches deep by a minimum of twenty-six inches wide by sixty inches high; and
   (b) Inside space including a rod, at least fifteen inches long, and allowing for fifty-four inches of clear hanging length adjustable to meet the needs of the resident.

(2) In a new building or addition, the cubicle curtain or enclosed space ensures full visual privacy for each bed in a multibed room with enclosed space containing at least sixty-four square feet of floor area with a minimum dimension of seven feet. “Full visual privacy” in a multibed room prevents staff, visitors and other residents from seeing a resident in bed, while allowing staff, visitors, and other residents access to the toilet room, handwashing sink, exterior window, and the entrance door;

(3) For exceptions to cubicle curtain requirements refer to WAC 388-97-2180.

Miscellaneous equipment in resident rooms in a new building or addition.
The nursing home must provide:
(1) A phone jack for each bed in each room;
(2) A handwashing sink in each multibed room and a handwashing sink in each single room that does not have an adjoining toilet room containing a handwashing sink. A handwashing sink located in a resident bedroom must be located between the corridor entry door and the nearest resident bed; and
(3) Storage that meets the requirements of WAC 388-97-3000, 388-97-3020, and 388-97-3040.

(2) For new construction, a toilet room must:
(a) Be directly accessible from each resident room and from each bathing facility without going through or entering a general corridor while maintaining resident dignity;
(b) Serve two bedrooms or less;
(c) Be designed to accommodate a person in a wheelchair;
(d) Contain at least one handwashing sink; and
(e) Provide a properly located and securely mounted grab bar at each side and the back of each toilet fixture in each toilet room and stall. Grab bars on the open side must be located twelve to eighteen inches from the center line of the toilet. Grab bars on the open side must be able to swing up.

Accessories in new construction.
The nursing home must provide the following accessories with the necessary backing, if required, for mounting:
(1) Usable countertop area and mirror at each handwashing sink in toilet rooms and resident rooms;
(2) Towel or robe hooks at each handwashing sink in resident rooms and at each bathing facility;
(3) A robe hook at each bathing facility, toilet room and in examination room or therapy area, including outpatient therapy rooms;
(4) A securely mounted toilet paper holder properly located within easy reach of the user at each toilet fixture;
(5) Sanitary seat covers at each public and employee use toilet;
(6) Open front toilet seats on all toilets;
(7) Dispensers for paper towels and handwashing soap at each handwashing sink, and bathing facility;
(8) Sanitary napkin dispensers and disposers in public and employee women's toilet rooms; and
(9) Grab bars that are easily cleanable and resistant to corrosion and securely mounted.

Handwashing sinks in new construction.
The nursing home must provide a handwashing sink in each toilet room and exam room.

Spouts in new construction.
The nursing home must ensure all lavatories and sinks in resident rooms, resident toilet rooms, and utility and medication areas have gooseneck spouts, without aerators in areas requiring infection control.

Faucet controls in new construction.
The nursing home must provide wrist blade, single-lever controls or their equivalent at all sinks and lavatories. The nursing home must:
(1) Provide at least four inch wrist blades and/or single-levers;
(2) Provide sufficient space for full open and closed operation; and
(3) Color-code and label faucet controls to indicate "hot" and "cold."
Resident Bedroom

9.4. Equipment and Furnishings in Resident Rooms.

9.4.a. A nursing home shall provide each resident with a bed that accommodates his or her individual needs.

9.4.b. A nursing home shall provide each resident with a night stand that has a drawer for toilet articles and utensils.

9.4.c. The nursing home shall provide a chair for each resident that accommodates the resident’s individual needs.

9.4.d. The nursing home shall provide each resident with reasonable closet and drawer space for clothing and personal items.

9.4.d.1. Shelves and drawers shall be positioned at a height that accommodates the needs of the individual resident.

9.4.e. Each resident shall have individual towel bars or an equivalent. In semi-private rooms towel bars shall be located to encourage individual use.

9.4.f. A nursing home shall provide cubicle curtains that assure visual privacy for each resident.

9.4.g. A nursing home shall provide window dressings and curtains or draperies, maintained in good condition.

9.5.b. A nursing home shall provide at least one clean, comfortable pillow for each bed and additional pillows shall be available.

9.5.c. A nursing home shall provide clean waterproof mattresses or mattress covers that are nonabsorbent.

9.5.d. Sufficient supplies of linens shall be available to nursing personnel to assure the cleanliness and comfort of each resident.

9.5.e. The nursing home shall provide each resident with individual towels, wash cloths, and blankets.

9.5.f. When electric blankets are used, they shall be UL approved and checked periodically by the nursing home’s staff for safety.
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9.3. Increase in Bed Capacity.

9.3.a. Bed capacity may be increased after the director has determined that the nursing home physical facilities will support the increase and there is compliance with other requirements including certificate of need requirements.

Summary: Minimum Furnishings and Linens Specified; Window Coverings; Electric Blankets; Increase in Bed Capacity

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Wisconsin

Resident Bedroom

(1) FURNITURE IN RESIDENT CARE AREAS. (a) Beds. 1. Each resident shall be provided a bed which is at least 36 inches wide, is equipped with a headboard of sturdy construction and is in good repair. Roll−away beds, day beds, cots, or double or folding beds shall not be used.

2. Each bed shall be in good repair and provided with a clean, firm mattress of appropriate size for the bed.

3. Side rails shall be installed for both sides of the bed when required by the resident’s condition.

(b) Bedding. 1. Each resident shall be provided at least one clean, comfortable pillow. Additional pillows shall be provided if requested by the resident or required by the resident’s condition.

2. Each bed shall have a mattress pad.

3. A moisture−proof mattress cover and pillow cover shall be provided to keep each mattress and pillow clean and dry.

4. a. A supply of sheets and pillow cases sufficient to keep beds clean, dry, and odor−free shall be stocked. At least 2 sheets and 2 pillow cases shall be furnished to each resident each week.

b. Beds occupied by bedfast or incontinent residents shall be provided draw sheets.

5. A sufficient number of blankets shall be provided to keep each resident warm. Blankets shall be changed and laundered as often as necessary to maintain cleanliness and freedom from odors.

6. Each bed shall have a clean, washable bedspread.

(c) Other furnishings. 1. Each resident who is confined to bed shall be provided with a bedside storage unit containing at least one drawer for personal items and a drawer or compartment for necessary nursing equipment. All other residents shall be provided with a storage unit in the
resident’s room, containing at least one drawer for personal items and a drawer or compartment for necessary nursing equipment.

2. a. At least one chair shall be in each room for each bed. A folding chair shall not be used. If requested by the resident or guardian, a wheelchair or geri-chair may be substituted.

b. An additional chair with arms shall be available upon request.

3. A properly shaded reading light in working condition shall be installed over or at each bed.

4. Adequate compartment or drawer space shall be provided in each room for each resident to store personal clothing and effects and to store, as space permits, other personal possessions in a reasonably secure manner.

5. A sturdy and stable table that can be placed over the bed or armchair shall be provided to every resident who does not eat in the dining area.

(d) Towels, washcloths, and soap. 1. Clean towels and washcloths shall be provided to each resident as needed. Towels shall not be used by more than one resident between launderings.

2. An individual towel rack shall be installed at each resident’s bedside or at the lavatory.

3. Single service towels and soap shall be provided at each lavatory for use by staff.

(e) Window coverings. Every window shall be supplied with flame retardant shades, draw drapes or other covering material or devices which, when properly used and maintained, shall afford privacy and light control for the resident.

2. No lock shall be installed on the door of a resident’s room, unless:

a. The lock is operable from inside the room with a simple one-hand, one-motion operation without the use of a key unless the resident is confined in accordance with s. HFS 132.33;

b. All personnel regularly assigned to work in a resident care area have in their possession a master-key for the rooms in that area;

c. A master-key is available to emergency personnel such as the fire department; and

d. The resident is capable of following directions and taking appropriate action for self-preservation under emergency conditions.

(g) Housing blind, nonambulatory, or handicapped residents. In an existing facility of 2 or more stories which is not of at least two-hour fire-resistive construction, blind, nonambulatory, or physically handicapped residents shall not be housed above the street level floor unless the facility is either of one-hour protected noncombustible construction (as defined in national fire protection standard 220), fully sprinklered one-hour protected ordinary construction, or fully sprinklered one-hour protected woodframe construction.

(1) RESIDENTS’ ROOMS. (a) Assignment of residents. Sexes shall be separated by means of separate wings, floors, or rooms, except in accordance with s. HFS 132.31

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(b) **Location.** No bedroom housing a resident shall:
1. Open directly to a kitchen or laundry;
2. Be located so that a person must pass through another resident’s bedroom, a toilet room or a bathroom to gain access to any other part of the facility; or
3. Be located so that a person must pass through a kitchen or laundry to gain access to the resident’s room or other part of the facility.

(c) **Access to corridor and outside.** Each bedroom shall have direct access to a corridor and outside exposure with the floor at or above grade level.

(d) **Size.**
1. The minimum floor area per bed shall be 100 square feet in single rooms and 80 square feet per bed in multiple bedrooms, exclusive of vestibule, closets, built-in vanity and wardrobe, toilet rooms and built-in lockers. The department may waive this requirement in individual cases where the facility has demonstrated in writing that such variations are in accordance with the particular needs of the residents and will not adversely affect their health and safety.
2. In period C facilities, resident rooms shall be large enough to permit the sides and feet of all beds to be not less than 2 feet from the nearest walls.
3. (a) In period A facilities, ceilings shall be at least 7 feet in height.
   (b) In period B and C facilities, ceilings shall be at least 8 feet in height.

(e) **Windows.** In period B and C facilities, the bottom sill of windows in bedrooms shall be no more than 3 feet from the floor.

(f) **Bed capacity.** No rooms shall house more than 4 beds.

(g) **Bed arrangement.** The beds shall be arranged so that the beds shall be at least 3 feet apart and a clear aisle space of at least 3 feet from the entrance to the room to each bed shall be provided.

(h) **Closet space.** A closet or locker shall be provided for each resident in each bedroom. Closets or lockers shall afford a space of not less than 15 inches wide by 18 inches deep by 5 feet in height for each resident bed.

(i) **Cubicle curtains.**
1. In period A and B facilities, each bed in a multiple-bed room shall have a flameproof cubicle curtain or an equivalent divider that will assure resident privacy.
2. In period C facilities, each bed in a multiple-bed room shall be provided with a flameproof cubicle curtain to enclose each bed and to assure privacy.

(j) **Room identification.** Each bedroom shall be identified with a unique number placed on or near the door.

(k) **Design and proximity to baths.** Residents’ bedrooms shall be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care and the comfort and privacy of residents. Each bedroom shall have or shall be conveniently located near adequate toilet and bathing facilities.

**Toilet Area**

(d) **Toilet room doors.** In period B and C facilities, resident toilet room doors shall be not less than 3 feet 0 inches by 6 feet 8 inches, and shall not swing into the toilet room unless they are provided with two-way hardware.
(2) TOILET AND BATHING FACILITIES.

(a) General. All lavatories required by this subsection shall have hot and cold running water. Toilets shall be water flushed and equipped with open front seats without lids.

(b) Employee and family facilities. Toilets, baths, and lavatories for use by employees or family members shall be separate from those used by residents.

(c) Grab bars. Firmly secured grab bars shall be installed in every toilet and bathing compartment used by residents.

(d) Wheelchair facilities. 1. On floors housing residents who use wheelchairs, there shall be at least one toilet room large enough to accommodate wheelchairs.

2. In all facilities licensed for skilled care, a bathtub or shower room large enough to accommodate a wheelchair and attendant shall be provided.

Note: Requirements for wheelchair access to public toilets are contained in Comm 62.

Comm 62.

(e) Period A and B. In period A and B facilities:

1. Separate toilet and bath facilities shall be provided for male and female residents in at least the following number:
   a. One toilet and one lavatory for every 8 female residents;
   b. One toilet and one lavatory for every 8 male residents. One urinal may be substituted for one toilet for every 24 male residents;
   c. In period A facilities, one tub or shower for every 20 residents; and
   d. In period B facilities, one tub or shower for every 20 female residents and one for every 20 male residents.

2. Toilet and bath facilities shall be located on the floors of the residents to be served, and shall be separated in such a manner that they can be used independently and afford privacy.

(f) Period C. In period C facilities:

1. Toilet facilities shall be provided in conjunction with each resident’s room, with not more than 2 residents’ rooms, and not more than 4 beds per toilet room.

2. One toilet and one lavatory for not more than 4 residents shall be provided and separate facilities shall be provided for each sex.

3. One tub or shower for every 20 residents of each sex shall be provided. The bath or shower shall be located on the same floor as the residents served. Facilities for showering with a wheeled shower chair shall be provided.

4. Every tub, shower, or toilet shall be separated in such a manner that it can be used independently and afford privacy.

5. On floors where wheelchair residents are cared for, there shall be a toilet room large enough to accommodate a wheelchair and attendant.

(g) The requirement in pars. (e) and (f) of separate facilities for male and female residents is not applicable to facilities used by married couples sharing a room, if the facilities are not used by other residents.
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Summary: Minimum Furnishings, Linens and Equipment Specified; Minimum Room Size; Beds per Room; Flameproof Curtains; Room Identification; Room Location; Windows; Bed Arrangement; Storage; Privacy Curtains; Toilet Room and Lavatory Access and Capacity

WYOMING

Wyoming regulations do not address Physical Environment Bedroom and Bath

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

§ 483.70   Physical environment.

The facility must be designed, constructed, equipped, and maintained to protect the health and safety of residents, personnel and the public.

(a) Life safety from fire. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section—
(ii) The facility must meet the applicable provisions of the 2000 edition of the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association. The Director of the Office of the Federal Register has approved the NFPA 101®2000 edition of the Life Safety Code, issued January 14, 2000, for incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. A copy of the Code is available for inspection at the CMS Information Resource Center, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030, or go to:
http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html. Copies may be obtained from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269. If any changes in this edition of the Code are incorporated by reference, CMS will publish notice in the Federal Register to announce the changes.
(iii) Chapter 19.3.6.3.2, exception number 2 of the adopted edition of the LSC does not apply to long-term care facilities.

(2) After consideration of State survey agency findings, CMS may waive specific provisions of the Life Safety Code which, if rigidly applied, would result in unreasonable hardship upon the facility, but only if the waiver does not adversely affect the health and safety of the patients.

(3) The provisions of the Life safety Code do not apply in a State where CMS finds, in accordance with applicable provisions of sections 1819(d)(2)(B)(ii) and 1919(d)(2)(B)(ii) of the Act, that a fire and safety code imposed by State law adequately protects patients, residents and personnel in long-term care facilities.

(4) Beginning March 13, 2006, a long-term care facility must be in compliance with Chapter 19.2.9, Emergency Lighting.
(5) Beginning March 13, 2006, Chapter 19.3.6.3.2, exception number 2 does not apply to long-term care facilities.

(6) Notwithstanding any provisions of the 2000 edition of the Life Safety Code to the contrary, a long-term care facility may install alcohol-based hand rub dispensers in its facility if—

(i) Use of alcohol-based hand rub dispensers does not conflict with any State or local codes that prohibit or otherwise restrict the placement of alcohol-based hand rub dispensers in health care facilities;

(ii) The dispensers are installed in a manner that minimizes leaks and spills that could lead to falls;

(iii) The dispensers are installed in a manner that adequately protects against inappropriate access;

(iv) The dispensers are installed in accordance with chapter 18.3.2.7 or chapter 19.3.2.7 of the 2000 edition of the Life Safety Code, as amended by NFPA Temporary Interim Amendment 00–1(101), issued by the Standards Council of the National Fire Protection Association on April 15, 2004. The Director of the Office of the Federal Register has approved NFPA Temporary Interim Amendment 00–1(101) for incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. A copy of the amendment is available for inspection at the CMS Information Resource Center, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD and at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC. Copies may be obtained from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269; and

(v) The dispensers are maintained in accordance with dispenser manufacturer guidelines.

(7) A long term care facility must:

(i) Install, at least, battery-operated single station smoke alarms in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations in resident sleeping rooms and common areas.

(ii) Have a program for inspection, testing, maintenance, and battery replacement that conforms to the manufacturer’s recommendations and that verifies correct operation of the smoke alarms.

(iii) Exception:

(A) The facility has system-based smoke detectors in patient rooms and common areas that are installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code, for system-based smoke detectors; or

(B) The facility is fully sprinklered in accordance with NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.

(8) A long term care facility must:

(i) Install an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with the 1999 edition of NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, as incorporated by reference, throughout the building by August 13, 2013. The Director of the Office of the Federal Register has approved the NFPA 13 1999 edition of the Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, issued July 22, 1999 for incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. A copy of the Code is available for inspection at the CMS Information Resource Center, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html. Copies may be obtained from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

(ii) Test, inspect, and maintain an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with the 1998 edition of NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, as incorporated by reference. The Director of the Office of the Federal
Register has approved the NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, 1998 edition, issued January 16, 1998 for incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. A copy of the Code is available for inspection at the CMS Information Resource Center, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html. Copies may be obtained from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

(b) Emergency power.
(1) An emergency electrical power system must supply power adequate at least for lighting all entrances and exits; equipment to maintain the fire detection, alarm, and extinguishing systems; and life support systems in the event the normal electrical supply is interrupted.
(2) When life support systems are used, the facility must provide emergency electrical power with an emergency generator (as defined in NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities) that is located on the premises.

(c) Space and equipment. The facility must—
(1) Provide sufficient space and equipment in dining, health services, recreation, and program areas to enable staff to provide residents with needed services as required by these standards and as identified in each resident’s plan of care; and
(2) Maintain all essential mechanical, electrical, and patient care equipment in safe operating condition.

(d) Resident rooms. Resident rooms must be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort, and privacy of residents.

(1) Bedrooms must—
(i) Accommodate no more than four residents;
(ii) Measure at least 80 square feet per resident in multiple resident bedrooms, and at least 100 square feet in single resident rooms;
(iii) Have direct access to an exit corridor;
(iv) Be designed or equipped to assure full visual privacy for each resident;
(v) In facilities initially certified after March 31, 1992, except in private rooms, each bed must have ceiling suspended curtains, which extend around the bed to provide total visual privacy in combination with adjacent walls and curtains;
(vi) Have at least one window to the outside; and
(vii) Have a floor at or above grade level.

(2) The facility must provide each resident with—
(i) A separate bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the resident;
(ii) A clean, comfortable mattress;
(iii) Bedding appropriate to the weather and climate; and
(iv) Functional furniture appropriate to the resident’s needs, and individual closet space in the resident’s bedroom with clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident.

(3) CMS, or in the case of a nursing facility the survey agency, may permit variations in requirements specified in paragraphs (d)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section relating to rooms in individual cases when the facility demonstrates in writing that the variations—
(i) Are in accordance with the special needs of the residents; and
(ii) Will not adversely affect residents' health and safety.

(e) Toilet facilities. Each resident room must be equipped with or located near toilet and bathing facilities.

(f) Resident call system. The nurse's station must be equipped to receive resident calls through a communication system from—
(1) Resident rooms; and
(2) Toilet and bathing facilities.

(g) Dining and resident activities. The facility must provide one or more rooms designated for resident dining and activities. These rooms must—
(1) Be well lighted;
(2) Be well ventilated, with nonsmoking areas identified;
(3) Be adequately furnished; and
(4) Have sufficient space to accommodate all activities.

(h) Other environmental conditions. The facility must provide a safe, functional, sanitary, and comfortable environment for the residents, staff and the public. The facility must—
(1) Establish procedures to ensure that water is available to essential areas when there is a loss of normal water supply;
(2) Have adequate outside ventilation by means of windows, or mechanical ventilation, or a combination of the two;
(3) Equip corridors with firmly secured handrails on each side; and
(4) Maintain an effective pest control program so that the facility is free of pests and rodents.