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PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE HEALTH DIVISION

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CHAPTER 449

CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR HOSPITALS, SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AND INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES

Explanation – underlined matter is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be deleted.

449.917 Nursing unit.

1. Nursing units must be limited to 60 beds. The maximum room capacity is four patients.
2. The minimum area for a room, exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes and vestibules of less than one-half of the width of a room, is 100 square feet (9.29 square meters) in rooms with one bed and 80 square feet (7.43 square meters) per bed in multibed rooms. In multibed rooms, there must be at least 3.66 feet (1.12 meters) of clear area at the foot of each bed and at least 5 feet (1.5 meters) of clear area between each bed. No more than two beds may be beside one another, parallel to the wall with a window.
3. Each room must have a nurses' call system installed in accordance with NAC 449.839.
4. Each patient must have access to a toilet and lavatory without entering the general corridor. One toilet and lavatory may serve no more than four beds and no more than two patients' rooms.
5. Each patient must have a wardrobe, locker or closet with clear internal dimensions of at least 1.83 feet (55.9 centimeters) by .83 feet (25.4 centimeters) with a shelf and enough

vertical height to hang full-length garments.

6. Cubicle curtains or equivalent built-in devices providing complete visual privacy for each patient in multibed rooms must be installed. The curtains must be suspended at least 1.5 feet (46 centimeters) from the ceiling with chain or mesh.

7. No patient's room may be located more than 120 feet (36.58 meters) from the nurses' station **[or]** and the clean **[or]** and dirty workrooms.