

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE HEALTH DIVISION
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: NRS 449.280.

Section 1. NAC 449.917 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.917 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]~~ *A patient's room must not* be located more than 120 feet (36.58 meters) from ~~[the]~~ :

(a) The nurses' station [or the clean or dirty] ; and

(b) The clean and soiled workrooms.