

4645.1700 ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Where not available in an adjoining general hospital, the following facilities shall be provided in the administration department: a business office with information counter, telephone switchboard, cashiers' window, administrator's office, medical director's office, medical record room, medical social service office, combination conference room and doctors' lounge, lobby and waiting room, public toilets, and a locker room and toilets for personnel.

For efficiency and economy of operation, a chronic disease hospital is best located as an integral part or unit immediately adjacent to and operated in connection with a large, modern, well-equipped, and completely staffed acute general hospital. Essentially all of the services of the general hospital are necessary for the complete care of the chronic disease patient. The rehabilitation services and facilities of the chronic hospital should be readily available to the acute patient in need of such services and also available on an outpatient basis. The medical and nursing staff of the general hospital can also serve the chronic unit. Some of the basic services (food service, laundry, boiler plant, etc.) can be provided through the general hospital thus making construction and operational costs less expensive.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144.55; 144.56*

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