

4655.7000 PATIENT OR RESIDENT UNITS.

Subpart 1. **Requirements.** The following items in items A to J shall be provided for each patient or resident.

A. A comfortable bed at least 36 inches wide, good springs, and a clean, firm, comfortable mattress and mattress pad. At least one clean, comfortable pillow with extra pillows available to meet the patient's needs. Clean, lightweight blankets and bed linen in good condition and of the proper size shall be kept on hand for use at all times. Clean sheets and pillow cases shall be furnished at least once a week. Each bed shall have a washable bedspread. A moisture-proof mattress cover or rubber or plastic sheeting shall be provided for mattresses of all bed patients and for other beds as necessary. Rollaway type beds, cots, or folding beds shall not be used.

B. At least one comfortable chair.

C. A locker or closet within the room to allow clothes to be hung. In existing facilities, if a closet is used for two or more persons, there shall be a fixed partition for complete separation of clothing for each person. There shall be dresser drawer space provided for each patient or resident. Closets, lockers, or drawers which are provided with locks shall have a master key available in the administrator's office. See part 4660.3460.

D. A bedside table with a towel bar, a drawer to accommodate personal possessions, and a separate compartment for the storage of bedpans and urinals. (Not required in a boarding care home.)

E. Individual drinking glass, bath towel, hand towel, washcloth, and soap dish. Clean towels shall be provided as needed.

F. Cubicle curtains to afford privacy in all multibed rooms. Existing boarding care homes in converted dwellings may continue to use bed screens. Each window shall have shades or equivalent in good repair.

G. A device for signaling nurses and attendants which shall be kept in working order at all times.

H. A hand-washing facility with a mirror located in the room or convenient to the room for the use of patients, residents, and personnel. It is recommended that these be equipped with gooseneck spouts and wrist-action controls.

I. A bed light providing a minimum of 30 footcandle intensity conveniently located for reading or for doing handiwork in bed or in an adjacent chair.

J. All furnishings and equipment shall be maintained in a usable, safe, and sanitary condition. All rooms and beds shall be numbered. All beds shall be identified with the name of the patient or resident.

Subp. 2. **Written policy for double beds.** The nursing home and boarding care home shall develop a written policy regarding the use of double beds.

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