

**4658.4125 NURSING AREA; NEW CONSTRUCTION.**

Subpart 1. **Nurses' station.** At least one nurses' station must be provided per resident floor. A nurses' station may serve more than one nursing area on the same floor if the maximum distance from resident bedrooms does not exceed that required in part 4658.4105, subpart 8. The nurses' station must be equipped to receive resident calls through a communication system from resident rooms and toilet and bathing facilities.

Subp. 2. **Location.** Each nursing station must be located to provide for observation of corridors, residents, and resident calls. Private space must be provided for charting, storage of charts and supplies, and medicine preparation. The medication preparation area may be within the nurses' station or the clean utility room. Each nurses' station must contain facilities for cleanup and handwashing.

Subp. 3. **Staff toilet.** A separate staff toilet room must be provided near the nurses' station.

Subp. 4. **Clean utility room.** A clean utility room must be provided within each nursing area. The clean utility room must contain a sink with institutional fittings. Cabinets and shelving must be provided for the storage of materials and supplies.

Subp. 5. **Soiled utility room.** A separate soiled utility room must be provided within each nursing area. It must contain handwashing facilities and a clinical service sink for disposal of waste materials and the cleanup of soiled linen and utensils. Cabinets and shelving must be provided for the storage of materials and supplies.

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