

449.319 Requirements for personal needs of patients

1.

A hospital shall provide patients access to their belongings as is appropriate based on the needs of the patients and the phase of treatment of the patients.

2.

A hospital shall communicate and enforce a nonsmoking policy throughout the hospital.

3.

A hospital shall provide a clean and comfortable bed and mattress for each patient. Bed linen, blankets, pillows, washcloths and towels that are clean and in good condition must be provided to each patient. A hospital shall have such systems as are necessary to ensure that an adequate supply of clean linen is provided to each patient.

4.

A hospital shall provide each inpatient with necessary bedside equipment and supplies based on the needs of the inpatient. The necessary equipment and supplies must include, without limitation, a water pitcher and equipment for personal hygiene. The equipment and supplies must be maintained in a sanitary manner.

5.

In public areas and in areas in which patient care is provided, a hospital shall: (a)

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