

## **310\_675-5-4 Service areas**

The following shall be located in or readily available to each nursing unit:

### **(1)**

Nurses' station with space for nurse's charting, doctor's charting, storage for administrative supplies, and handwashing facilities. (This handwashing facility could serve the drug distribution station, if conveniently located.)

### **(2)**

Toilet room(s) for nursing staff.

### **(3)**

Room for examination and treatment of residents may be omitted if all resident rooms are single-bed rooms. This room shall have a minimum floor area of 120 sq. ft. (11.15 sq. m.), excluding space for vestibule, toilet, closets and work counters (whether fixed or moveable). The minimum room dimension shall be 10'0" (3.05 m.) and shall contain a lavatory or sink equipped for handwashing, a work counter, storage facilities, and a desk, counter, or shelf space for writing.

### **(4)**

Clean workroom/clean holding room. (A) The clean workroom shall contain a work counter, handwashing, and storage facilities. (B) The clean holding room shall be part of a system for storage and distribution of clean and sterile supply materials and shall be similar to the clean workroom except that the work counter and handwashing facilities may be omitted.

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The clean workroom shall contain a work counter, handwashing, and storage facilities.

**(B)**

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**(5)**

Soiled workroom/soiled holding room. (A) The soiled workroom shall contain a clinical sink or equivalent flushing rim fixture, sink equipped for handwashing, work counter, waste receptacle, and linen receptacle. (B) A soiled holding room shall be part of a system for collection and disposal of soiled materials and shall be similar to the soiled workroom except that the clinical sink and work counter may be omitted.

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**(6)**

Drug distribution station. Provision shall be made for convenient and prompt 24 hour distribution of medicine to residents. This may be a medicine preparation room or unit, a self-contained medicine dispensing unit, or another approved system. If used, a medicine preparation room shall be under the nursing staff's visual control and contain a work counter, refrigerator, and locked storage for

biologicals and drugs and shall have a minimum area of 50 sq. ft. (4.65 sq. m.). A medicine dispensing unit may be located at the nurse's station, in the clean workroom, or in an alcove or other space under direct control of the nursing or pharmacy staff.

**(7)**

Clean linen storage. Provide a separate closet or a designated area within the clean workroom. If a closed cart system is used, storage may be in an alcove.

**(8)**

Equipment storage room. This shall be for equipment such as I.V. Stands, inhalators, air mattresses, and walkers. A parking for stretchers and wheelchairs shall be located out of path of normal traffic.

**(9)**

Residents' bathing facilities. Bathtubs or showers shall be provided at the rate of at least one (1) for each twenty (20) beds which are not otherwise served by bathing facilities within residents' rooms. At least one bathtub shall be provided in each nursing unit. The Department may require more than one (1) bathtub or shower for each twenty (20) beds depending on the design of the facility and on the needs of any special population being served. Each tub or shower shall be in an individual room or enclosure which provides space for the private use of the bathing fixture, for drying and dressing, and for a wheelchair and an attendant. Showers in central bathing facilities shall be at least 4'0" (1.22 m.) square, without curbs, and designed to permit use by a wheelchair resident with an assisting attendant.

**(10)**

Resident's toilet facilities. The minimum dimensions of a room containing only a water closet shall be 3'0" (91 cm.) by 6'0" (1.83 m.). Additional space shall be provided if a lavatory is located within the same room. Water closets may be

located to be usable by wheelchair residents. A toilet room shall be accessible to each central bathing area without going through the general corridor.

**(11)**

Sterilizing facilities. A system for the sterilization of equipment and supplies shall be provided.