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Chapter 411@ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AGING AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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Division 87@ NURSING FACILITIES/LICENSING - PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

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Section 411-087-0410@ Floors, Ceilings and Walls

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General Requirements: (a) Finish, trim, wall and floor construction shall be free from spaces that can harbor rodents and insects; (b) Finish on walls, floors and ceilings in resident areas shall provide for a low sheen surface to minimize reflected glare; (c) Rooms containing heat producing equipment (such as boiler or heater rooms and laundries) shall be insulated and ventilated to prevent any floor surface above from exceeding a temperature ten degrees Fahrenheit (six degrees Celsius) above the ambient room temperature; (d) The noise reduction criteria shown on Table 1 shall apply to partition, floor, and ceiling construction in resident areas.

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Floors and Wall Base: (a) Floor materials shall be easily cleanable and have wear resistance appropriate for the location involved. Floors in shower and bath areas shall have a non-slip surface; (b) Threshholds shall be constructed to facilitate use of wheelchairs and carts; (c) Rugs or carpeting shall be Class I or II in accordance with NFPA 101, Chapter 6; (d) Wall bases in kitchens, soiled utility rooms, central bathing areas, resident toilet rooms and janitor closets shall be self-coved (six inch minimum height), tightly sealed with the wall; (e) Top-set rubber or vinyl base, where used, shall be sealed to the floor and walls.

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Ceilings: (a) The minimum ceiling height shall be a nominal eight feet (2.44 m) with the following exceptions: (A) Boiler rooms shall have ceiling clearances not less than two feet, six inches (76 cm) above the main boiler header and connecting piping; (B) Rooms containing ceiling-mounted equipment shall have height required to accommodate the equipment; (C) Ceilings in corridors, storage rooms, toilet rooms, and closets shall be not less than seven feet, six inches (2.29 m); (D) Suspended tracks, rails, and pipes located in path of normal traffic shall be not less than six feet, eight inches (2.03 m) above the floor; (E) Activity, recreation and exercise rooms, and similar spaces where impact noises may be generated shall not be located directly over resident bed areas unless special provisions are made to minimize such noise. (b) Ceilings in the dietary and food preparation areas shall have a smooth surface, be light in color, and cover all overhead piping and duct work; (c) Acoustical ceilings (i.e., acoustical tile) shall be provided for corridors in resident areas, nurses' stations, dayrooms, recreation rooms, dining areas, and waiting areas. Other methods of sound control (e.g., carpeting) will be accepted by the Division if they meet STC classification requirements in Table 1 of these rules).

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