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A resident room shall meet the following requirements:

(1)

A maximum room capacity not exceeding two residents;

(2)

A minimum area, exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, or vestibules, of 120 square feet (10.8 square meters) in each one-bed room and 200 square feet (18.58 square meters) in each two-bed room. Any sleeping room designed as part of a suite of rooms shall have a minimum area of 100 square feet (9.29 square meters) in each one-bed room and 160 square feet (14.86 square meters) in each two-bed room. The minimum dimension in sleeping rooms may not be less than nine feet six inches (2.90 meters);

(3)

Each bed in a two-bed room shall have cubicle curtains or equivalent built-in devices for full visual privacy that allow access to the toilet room and corridor without entering the roommates space;

(4)

A window sill not higher than three feet (0.91 meters) above the floor. The floor shall be above grade;

(5)

Have a call button at each bed for staff calling stations;

Have a toilet room and lavatory. Each resident toilet room shall be directly accessible for each resident without going through the general corridor. In a remodeling project, a one toilet room with handsink in a resident room may serve two resident rooms, but not more than four beds. For new construction, a toilet room may not be shared between resident rooms. Each resident toilet room shall include a water closet, handsink, mirror, and private individual storage. In two bed rooms a separate handsink shall be provided in the resident room. All toilet rooms used by residents shall be wheelchair accessible;

(7)

Have a wardrobe or closet for each resident with an area of at least five square feet (0.465 square meters); and

(8)

Have each resident room door located not more than 150 feet (45.72 meters) from the staff station. Any modifications of the requirements listed in subdivisions (1) to (8), inclusive, of this section may be approved for any special care room by the department after receipt of a written request.