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If a residents bed or a service such as recreation, resident dining, dietary, laundry, central storage, or therapy rooms, is located, other than on the first floor, the facility shall have an electrical or electrohydraulic elevator. Each elevator car and platform shall be constructed of noncombustible material, except that material treated with fire retardant may be used if each exterior surface of the car is covered with metal. A hospital-type elevator car shall have inside dimensions that will accommodate a residents bed and attendants and shall be at least five feet (1.52 meters) wide by seven feet six inches (2.29 meters) deep. The car door shall have a clear opening of not less than three feet eight inches (1.12 meters). Each elevator shall have automatic two-way leveling with accuracy within plus or minus one half inch (0.01 meters). Each elevator, except freight elevators, shall be equipped with a two-way special service switch to permit each car to bypass all landing button calls and to be dispatched directly to any floor.