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Chapter 371@ REGULATIONS FOR THE LICENSURE OF NURSING FACILITIES

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Part IV@ Support Services

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Section 12VAC5-371-380@ Laundry services

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A.

A quantity of linens shall be available at all times to provide for proper care and comfort of residents.

B.

Linens and other laundry must be handled, stored, and processed to control the spread of infection.

C.

Clean linen shall be stored in a clean and dry area accessible to the nursing unit.

D.

Soiled linen shall be stored in covered containers in separate, well ventilated areas and shall not accumulate in the nursing facility.

E.

Soiled linen shall not be sorted, laundered, rinsed, or stored in bathrooms, resident rooms, kitchens, or food storage areas.

F.

Soiled linen shall not be placed on the floor.

G.

Arrangement for laundering resident's personal clothing shall be provided. If laundry facilities are not provided on premises, commercial laundry services shall be utilized.