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Chapter VIII@ Nursing Homes

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Section DHS 132.83@ Safety and systems

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MAINTENANCE. The building shall be maintained in good repair and kept free of hazards such as those created by any damaged or defective building equipment.

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DOORS. (d) Toilet room doors. In period B and C facilities, resident toilet room doors shall be not less than 3 feet 0 inches by 6 feet 8 inches, and shall not swing into the toilet room unless they are provided with two-way hardware. (e) Thresholds. In period B and C facilities, raised thresholds which cannot be traversed easily by a bed on wheels, a wheelchair, a drug cart, or other equipment on wheels shall not be used.

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source which covers lighting at nursing stations, telephone switchboards, exit and corridor lights, boiler room, fire alarm systems, and medical records when solely electronically based, shall be provided. The service may be battery operated if effective for at least 4 hours.

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MECHANICAL SYSTEMS. (a) Water supply. 1. A potable water supply shall be maintained at all times. If a public water supply is available, it shall be used. If a public water supply is not available, the well or wells shall comply with ch. NR 812. 2. An adequate supply of hot water shall be available at all times. The temperature of hot water at plumbing fixtures used by residents may not exceed the range of 110-115° F. (d) Heating and air conditioning. The heating and air conditioning systems shall be capable of maintaining adequate temperatures and providing freedom from drafts. (g) General lighting. Period C facilities shall have night lighting. (h) 5. Ventilation. In period C facilities all rooms in which food is stored, prepared or served, or in which utensils are washed shall be well-ventilated. Refrigerated storage rooms need not be ventilated. (i) Elevators. 1. In period B facilities, at least one elevator shall be provided when residents' beds are located on one or more floors above or below the dining or service floor. The platform size of the elevator shall be large enough to hold a resident bed and attendant. 2. In period C facilities, at least one elevator shall be provided in the facility if resident beds or activities are located on more than one floor. The platform size of the elevator shall be large enough to hold a resident bed and an attendant. (j) 2. Electrical. In period B and C facilities at least one duplex-type outlet shall be provided for every resident's bed. 3. In new construction begun after the effective date of this chapter, at least 2 duplex-type outlets shall be provided for each bed.

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