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Section 70583@ Psychiatric Unit Space

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### **(a)**

A psychiatric unit shall meet the following space requirements: (1) Consultation room for interviewing patients. (2) Facilities for physical examination and a treatment room for medical procedures. (3) At least one observation room for acutely disturbed patients. This room shall have facilities for visual observation and be located near the nursing station and a bathroom. (4) Separate dining room. (5) Facilities for occupational therapy. (6) Indoor and outdoor facilities for therapeutic activities. (7) A separate nursing station for the psychiatric unit. No beds for patients on the unit shall be located more than 90 feet away from the nursing station. (8) Windows, modified to prevent patients from leaving the unit by way of a window. (9) There shall be a principal entrance to the unit which could be locked if necessary.

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**(b)**

A unit which treats children of school age over a substantial period of time (one month or more) shall have physical facilities for an educational program, such as a classroom and an office for the teacher.

**(c)**

Beds in a psychiatric unit shall be counted in the total licensed bed capacity of the hospital.