

## **79643 Nursing Service-Space**

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An office or other suitable space shall be provided for the director of nursing service.

### **(b)**

A nursing station shall be maintained in each nursing unit.

### **(c)**

Each nursing station shall have a cabinet, a desk, space for records, a bulletin board, a telephone and a specifically designated and well illuminated medication storage compartment with a lockable door. If a separate medication room is maintained, it shall have a lockable door and a sink with water connections for care of equipment and for hand washing.

### **(d)**

If a refrigerator is provided in a nursing station, the refrigerator shall meet the following standards: (1) Be located in a clean area not subject to contamination by human waste. (2) Maintain temperatures at or below 7°C (45°F) for chilling. (3) Maintain the freezer at minus 18°C (0°F). (4) Contain an accurate thermometer at all times. (5) If foods are retained in the refrigerator, they shall be covered and clearly identified as to contents and date initially covered. Drugs shall be kept in a separate, closed container in a separate area of the refrigerator.

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