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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 6@ Licensing of Community Care Facilities

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Chapter 8.5@ Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill

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Article 7@ Physical Environment

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Section 87888@ Fixtures, Furniture, Equipment and Supplies

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A comfortable temperature for residents shall be maintained at all times. (1) The licensee shall maintain the temperature in rooms that residents occupy between a minimum of 68 degrees F (20 degrees C) and a maximum of 85 degrees F (30 degrees C). (A) In areas of extreme heat the maximum shall be 30 degrees F (16.6 degrees C) less than the outside temperature. (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit residents from adjusting individual thermostatic controls.

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All window screens shall be in good repair and be free of insects, dirt and other

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Fireplaces and open-faced heaters shall be made inaccessible to residents to ensure protection of the residents' safety.

(d)

The licensee shall provide lamps or lights as necessary in all rooms and other areas to ensure the comfort and safety of all persons in the facility.

(e)

Faucets used by residents for personal care such as shaving and grooming shall deliver hot water. (1) Hot water temperature controls shall be maintained to automatically regulate temperature of hot water delivered to plumbing fixtures used by residents to attain a hot water temperature of not less than 105 degrees F (40.5 degrees C) and not more than 120 degrees F (48.8 degrees C). (2) Taps delivering water at 125 degrees F (51.6 degrees C) or above shall be prominently identified by warning signs. (3) All toilets, handwashing and bathing facilities shall be maintained in safe and sanitary operating condition. Additional equipment, aids, and/or conveniences shall be provided in facilities accommodating physically handicapped residents who need such items.

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Toilet, washbasin, bath and shower fixtures shall at a minimum meet the following requirements: (1) At least one toilet and washbasin shall be provided for each six persons residing in the facility, including residents, family and personnel. (2) At least one bathtub or shower shall be provided for each ten persons residing in the facility, including residents, family and facility personnel. (3) Toilets and bathrooms shall be located near residents bedrooms. (4) Individual privacy shall be provided in all toilet, bath and shower areas.

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movable bins, used for storage of solid wastes shall have tight-fitting covers kept on the containers; shall be in good repair, shall be leakproof and rodent-proof. (2) Solid waste containers, including movable bins shall be emptied at least once per week or more often if necessary to comply with subsection (f) above. (3) Each movable bin shall provide for suitable access and a drainage device to allow complete cleaning at the storage area.

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The licensee shall ensure provision to each resident of the following furniture, equipment and supplies necessary for personal care and maintenance of personal hygiene. (1) An individual bed, except that couples shall be allowed to share one double or larger sized bed, maintained in good repair, and equipped with good bed springs, a clean mattress and pillow(s). (A) Filling and covers for mattresses and pillows shall be flame retardant. (B) No Residential Care Facility for the Chronically Ill shall have more beds for resident use than required for the maximum capacity approved by the Department. (2) Bedroom furniture including, in addition to (1) above, for each resident, a chair, a night stand, and a lamp or lights

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The licensee shall provide clean linen in good repair, including lightweight, warm blankets and bedspreads; top and bottom bed sheets; pillow cases; mattress pads; and bath towels, hand towels and washcloths. (1) The use of common towels and washcloths shall be prohibited. (2) All bed linens must be changed every four days or more frequently as needed. (A) The quantity of linens shall be a minimum of 3 sets per bed to allow for frequent changing of beds. (B) All beds shall have mattress covers when necessary. (C) All bed pillows shall be washable and protected by covers. (3) The licensee shall ensure that: (A) Bleach and/or other disinfectants are available in sufficient supply and used for general cleaning and laundry. (B) Disposable plastic gloves are available and used by staff for general cleaning to prevent the spread of communicable illnesses.

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