

(d) Standard: Client bathrooms

The facility must—

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(1) Provide toilet and bathing facilities appropriate in number, size, and design to meet the needs of the clients;

Guidance §483.470(d)(1)

In a home setting, the toilet facilities need to be of sufficient number to meet the needs of the client without prolonged delay. There must be enough toilets in the living units to meet the program needs of the clients at any given time, as well as provide for intermediate toileting needs of the clients living in the unit.

In a home setting, it may be unrealistic to say a client would never have to wait for a shower or bath or to brush his/her teeth.

Bathrooms and fixtures must be adapted to accommodate clients with physical disabilities.

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(2) Provide for individual privacy in toilets, bathtubs, and showers; and

Guidance §483.470(d)(2)

A bathroom containing multiple toilets, showers or bathtubs, must have doors, curtains, or some other means of protecting the client from view when fully or partially unclothed.

Clients should not be able to be seen through the door or window by passersby when they are using the bathrooms.

Client privacy does not preclude the assistance provided by facility staff when necessitated by the client's condition.

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(3) In areas of the facility where clients who have not been trained to regulate water temperature are exposed to hot water, ensure that the temperature of the water does not exceed 110° Fahrenheit.