

§483.470(g) Standard: Space and Equipment

The facility must--

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(1) Provide sufficient space and equipment in dining, living, health services, recreation, and program areas (including adequately equipped and sound treated areas for hearing and other evaluations if they are conducted in the facility) to enable staff to provide clients with needed services, as required by this subpart and as identified in each client's individual program plan.

Guidance§483.470(g)(1)

Staff and clients must have the space, materials and equipment needed to implement formal and informal active treatment programs.

There must be sufficient space to accommodate group activities, including groups with clients who use wheelchairs.

Recreational supplies, equipment, and materials are available and reflect the interests, physical abilities and chronological age of the clients.

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(2) Furnish, maintain in good repair, and teach clients to use and to make informed choices about the use of dentures, eyeglasses, hearing and other communications aids, braces, and other devices identified by the interdisciplinary team as needed by the client.

Guidance §483.470(g)(2)

The term "furnish" means that the facility is responsible for obtaining or purchasing these items once an assessment has identified the need and is responsible for making any necessary arrangements for the client to receive them. Clients' personal funds should not be used for these items since this is a covered service under the ICF/IID benefit.

The term "maintain in good repair" means that the facility is responsible for ensuring that these items are kept in good working order, and is responsible for any resulting expense that may be incurred.

Programs must be in place, when identified by assessment and determined by the ID team, to teach clients about the use and care for their equipment to the extent of their capabilities.

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(3) Provide adequate clean linen and dirty linen storage areas.

Guidance §483.470(g)(3)

Clean linen must be separated from dirty linen and stored in a manner which prevents contamination.

Linen soiled with bodily fluids must be stored separately and in a manner which protects clients from exposure to possible infectious sources.

A bedroom hamper can be an acceptable dirty linen storage "area" if kept odor free and consistent with the infection control requirements at §483.470(1).