4645,1500 PEDIATRIC NURSING UNIT.

Where there are 16 or more pediatric beds a separate pediatric nursing unit shall be provided. Minimum room areas shall be 100 square feet in single rooms, 80 square feet per bed in rooms having two or more beds, and 40 square feet per bassinet in nurseries. Each nursing unit shall contain a nursery with bassinets in cubicles, isolation suite, treatment room, nurses' station with adjoining toilet room, utility room, floor pantry, play room or solarium, bath and toilet room with raised free-standing tub and 50 percent children's fixtures, bedpan facilities, janitors' closet, and a storage closet.

Glazed cubicles for each bed in multibed rooms, clear glazing between rooms and in corridor partitions, and a wheel chair and stretcher alcove are recommended.

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