

4658.4105 BEDROOM DESIGN; NEW CONSTRUCTION.

Subpart 1. **Design.** Each bedroom must be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort, and privacy of residents, including full visual privacy of residents.

Subp. 2. **Usable floor area.** The usable floor area and the arrangement and shape of the bedroom must provide space for furnishings, for the free movement of residents with physical disabilities, and for nursing procedures. "Usable floor area" does not include spaces occupied by toilet rooms, vestibules, permanently installed wardrobes, lockers, closets, or heating units. The usable floor area per bed must be at least 100 square feet per resident in double bedrooms, and at least 120 square feet in single bedrooms.

Subp. 3. **Access to exit.** Each bedroom must have direct access to an exit corridor.

Subp. 4. **Bedroom shape.** The shape of the bedroom must allow for the capability of a bed arrangement that provides at least three feet of floor space at both sides and the foot end of each bed.

Subp. 5. **Window.** Each bedroom must have at least one window to the outdoors.

Subp. 6. **Window area.** The window area must not be less than one-eighth of the required usable floor area, and the window sill must not be higher than two feet six inches above the floor. The entire window area must face an open outdoor space not less than 30 feet deep, and must provide an unobstructed angle of vision within this space of not less than 65 degrees. The 30-foot-deep open outside space must be measured perpendicular to the plane of the window. The 65 degree unobstructed angle of vision must include the perpendicular bisector of the window. Figure #1 illustrates these requirements:

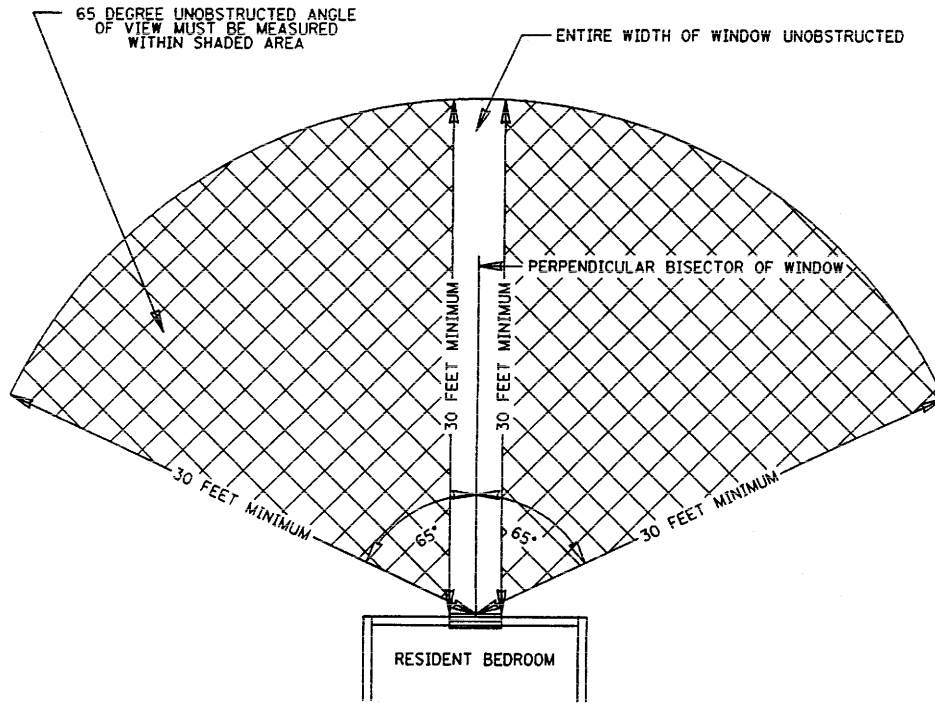
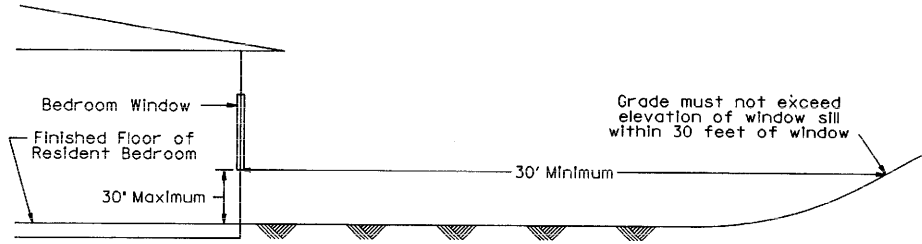
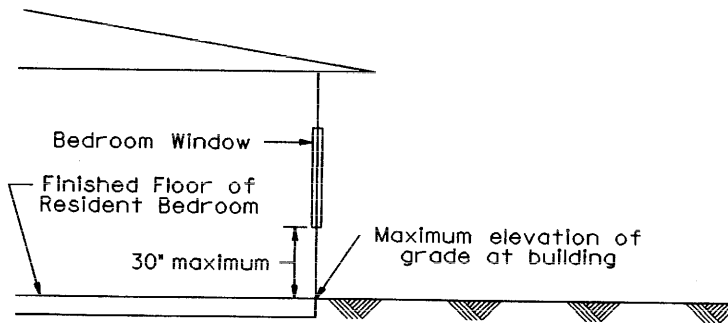


FIGURE #1

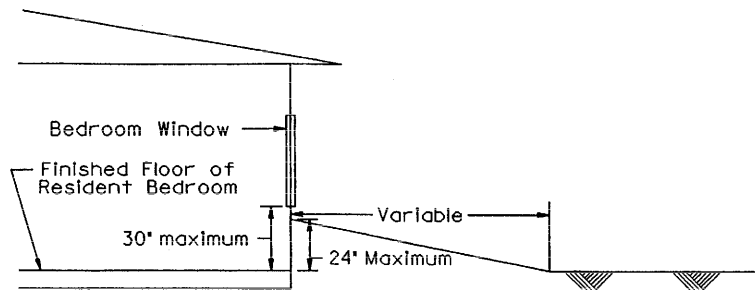
Subp. 7. **Floor at grade level.** Each bedroom must have a floor at or above grade level. An energy conservation berm as detailed in the diagram below is permitted. The following three diagrams illustrate acceptable methods of compliance with this subpart.



RESIDENT BEDROOM - GRADE RISING FROM BUILDING



RESIDENT BEDROOM - ROOM AT GRADE



RESIDENT BEDROOM - ENERGY CONSERVATION BERM

Subp. 8. **Distance from nurses' station.** Bedrooms must be located not more than 140 feet from the nurses' station.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144A.04; 144A.08*

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