

**4665.1800 SPACE ARRANGEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS.**

Subpart 1. **Space to meet needs of residents and program licensure requirements.** Provision of appropriate space and arrangements thereof for sleeping, dining, recreation, and other common use areas for activities or training shall be in conformance with the residents' mobility needs and with the program licensure requirements of the Department of Human Services.

Subp. 2. **Dining and living areas.** Minimum areas for residents' dining and living areas shall be ten and 20 square feet respectively per resident, or 30 square feet total per resident when the area is used for a combination thereof. Common use areas for use by nonambulatory mobile residents require an increase of 50 percent. This increase applies also to dining areas serving disabled residents who require assistance with eating.

Subp. 3. **Single bedrooms for ambulatory residents.** Single bedrooms for ambulatory residents shall provide at least 70 square feet of usable floor space with a side dimension of not less than seven feet.

Subp. 4. **Multibedrooms for ambulatory residents.** Multibedrooms for ambulatory residents shall provide at least 60 square feet per person of usable floor space for each resident. There shall be at least three feet between beds placed side by side and at least one foot between beds placed end to end. In each case, there shall be at least three feet of unobstructed space between ends of beds where such space is used for resident or staff access.

Subp. 5. **Single bedrooms for nonambulatory residents.** Single bedrooms for nonambulatory residents shall provide at least 100 square feet of usable floor area with a side dimension of not less than nine feet. Mobility space at the end and one side of each bed shall be not less than four feet.

Subp. 6. **Multibedrooms for nonambulatory residents.** Multibedrooms for nonambulatory, nonmobile residents shall provide at least 80 square feet of usable floor space for each resident. Multibedrooms for active, nonambulatory, mobile residents, shall provide at least 100 square feet per adult resident. Mobility space at the end and one side of each bed shall be not less than four feet.

Subp. 7. **Storage in bedrooms for nonambulatory residents.** Bedrooms for nonambulatory, mobile residents shall have adequate accessible space for storage of wheelchairs and other prosthetic or adaptive equipment for daily out-of-bed activity or acceptable similar storage space shall be provided outside the bedroom readily and handily accessible to the resident.

Subp. 8. **Bed arrangements.** Bed arrangements shall be compatible with the physical and programmatic needs of the residents. Beds shall be located so as to avoid drafts from windows and excessive heat from heat sources.

Subp. 9. **Ceilings.** Level ceilings in sleeping rooms shall not be less than seven feet in height. In sleeping rooms with sloped ceilings only the areas with vertical wall heights of five feet or more shall be included in the required usable floor areas. At least one-half of the usable floor area must have a ceiling of the required height.

Subp. 10. **Storage.** Bedrooms shall be provided with a private enclosed space for each resident's belongings, preferably built-in. Such space shall be accessible and adjustable for use by each resident in conformance with program requirements.

Subp. 11. **Bedroom window.** Bedrooms shall be exterior rooms with at least one window which is easily opened to the outside. In existing construction, the bedroom window area shall be at least one-tenth of the floor area and not less than nine square feet. The window sill shall not be more than three feet above the floor. Bedrooms with floor level located below the grade at the outside wall shall have floors and walls adequately sealed to prevent leakage or dampness from underground and surface runoff water. In new construction, the floors shall be located at or above the outside grade level.

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