

**R432. Health, Family Health and Preparedness, Licensing.**

**R432-7. Specialty Hospital - Psychiatric Hospital Construction.**

**R432-7-1. Legal Authority.**

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

**R432-7-2. Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to establish construction standards for a specialty hospital for psychiatric services.

**R432-7-3. General Design Requirements.**

R432-4-1 through R432-4-22 apply to this rule with the following modifications.

**R432-7-4. General Construction, Ancillary Support Facilities.**

R432-4-23 (1) through (20) applies with the following modifications:

(1) Leaf width for patient room doors and doors to patient treatment rooms shall be a minimum of three feet.

(2) Corridors in patient use areas shall be a minimum of six feet wide.

(3) Grab Bars. Where grab bars are provided, the space between the bar and the wall shall be filled. Bars, including those which are part of such fixtures as soap dishes, shall be sufficiently anchored to sustain a concentrated load of 250 pounds. Grab bars shall meet the requirements of ADA/ABA-AG.

(4) Emergency Electrical Service. An on-site emergency generator shall be provided connecting the following services:

(a) life safety branch, as defined in section 517-32 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;

(b) critical branch, as defined in 517-33 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;

(c) equipment system, as defined in 517-34 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;

(d) telephone;

(e) nurse call;

(f) heating equipment necessary to provide heating space to house all patients under emergency conditions;

(g) one duplex convenience outlet in each patient bedroom;

(h) one duplex convenience outlet at each nurses station;  
and

(i) duplex convenience outlets in the emergency heated part at a ratio of one for each ten patients.

(5) Nurse Call System. A nurse call system is optional. If installed, provisions shall be made for the easy removal or covering of call buttons.

(6) X-ray Equipment. If installed, fixed and mobile x-ray equipment shall conform to Articles 517 and 660 of NFPA 70.

(7) Security glazing. Security glazing and other security features shall be used at all windows of the nursing unit and other patient activity and treatment areas to reduce the possibility of patient injury or escape.

**R432-7-5. General Construction, Patient Facilities.**

(1) The requirements of R432-4-24 and Sections 2.1 and 2.5, of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities, 2010 edition (Guidelines) shall be met except as modified in this rule. Where a modification is cited, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of R432-4-24 and the Guidelines.

(2) Patient Rooms.

(a) At least two single bed rooms with a private toilet room shall be provided for each nursing unit.

(b) Minimum clear dimensions of closets in patient rooms shall be 22 inches deep and 36 inches wide. The clothes rod shall be of the breakaway type.

(3) Patient bathing facilities, Guidelines Section 2.5-2.2.2.7, is modified as follows:

(a) Each bathtub or shower shall be in an individual room or enclosure sized to allow staff assistance and designed to provide privacy during bathing, drying, and dressing.

(b) At least one shower in central bathing facilities shall be designed in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADA/ABA-AG) for use by a person with a wheelchair.

(c) A toilet room with direct access from the bathing area, shall be provided at each central bathing area.

(d) Doors to toilet rooms shall comply with ADA/ABA-AG. The doors shall be equipped with hospital privacy locks or other hardware that protects patient privacy and permits access from outside in case of an emergency without the use of keys or tools.

(e) A handwashing fixture shall be provided in each toilet room.

(f) At least one patient toilet room in each nursing unit shall contain a shower or tub in addition to the toilet and lavatory. Fixtures shall be wheelchair accessible with wheelchair turning space within the room.

(4) Child Psychiatric Unit, Guidelines Section 2.5-2.3, is modified as follows:

(a) Pediatric and adolescent nursing units shall be physically separated from adult nursing units.

(b) Examination and treatment rooms shall be provided for pediatric and adolescent patients separate from adult rooms.

(i) Each room shall provide a minimum of 100 square feet of usable space exclusive of fixed cabinets, fixtures, and equipment.

(ii) Each room shall contain a work counter, storage facilities, and lavatory equipped for handwashing.

(c) Separate activity areas shall be provided for pediatric and adolescent nursing units.

(5) In addition to the service area requirements, individual rooms or a multipurpose room shall be provided for dining, education, and recreation.

(a) Insulation, isolation, and structural provisions shall minimize the transmission of impact noise through the floor, walls, or ceiling of these multipurpose rooms.

(b) Service rooms may be shared by more than one pediatric or adolescent nursing unit, but shall not be shared with adult nursing units.

(6) A patient toilet room, in addition to those serving bed areas, shall be conveniently accessible from multipurpose rooms.

(7) Storage closets or cabinets for toys, educational, and recreational equipment shall be provided.

(8) Linen services shall comply with R432-4-24(8).

**R432-7-6. Exclusions to the Guidelines.**

The following sections of the Guidelines do not apply:

(1) Linen services, section 2.5-5.2.

**R432-7-7. Penalties.**

The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$10,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$10,000 if the licensee fails to follow Department-approved architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$1,000 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to licensing agency approval.

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