

R432. Health and Human Services, Family Health and Preparedness, Licensing.

R432-9. Specialty Hospital - Rehabilitation Construction Rule.

R432-9-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21, Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act.

R432-9-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to promote the public health and welfare through the establishment of construction standards for rehabilitation hospitals.

R432-9-3. General Construction Ancillary Support Facilities.

- (1) The licensee shall ensure that the facility is compliant with Rule R432-4 with the following modifications:
 - (a) corridors in patient use areas shall be a minimum eight feet wide;
 - (b) handrails are located on both sides of hallways and corridors used by patients;
 - (c) the top of the rail is 34-38 inches above the floor, except for areas serving children and other special care areas; and
 - (d) ends of handrails and grab bars are constructed to prevent persons from snagging their clothes.
- (2) Any fixtures in toilet and bathroom areas, except those in the activities for daily living unit, are wheelchair accessible with wheelchair turning space within the room.
- (3) Oxygen and suction systems are installed to serve 25% of patient beds.
 - (a) Installation is in accordance with Rule R432-4.
 - (b) Systems serving additional patient beds are optional.
- (4) The licensee shall ensure an on-site emergency generator is provided and the following services are connected to the emergency generator:
 - (a) life safety branch;
 - (b) critical branch;
 - (c) equipment system;
 - (d) telephone;
 - (e) nurse call;
 - (f) heating equipment necessary to provide adequate heated space to house any patients under emergency conditions;
 - (g) one duplex convenience outlet in each patient room;
 - (h) one duplex convenience outlet at each nurse station; and
 - (i) duplex convenience outlets in the emergency heated area at a ratio of one for every ten patients.

R432-9-4. General Construction, Patient Facilities.

- (1) The licensee shall ensure compliance with the construction requirements listed in Rule R432-4. Rule R432-9 supersedes any conflicting requirements of Rule R432-4.
- (2) Psychological services, social services, and vocational services are permitted to share the same office space when the licensee provides evidence in the functional program that the needs of the population served are met in the proposed space arrangement.
- (3) The licensee shall ensure that a rehabilitation nursing unit is compliant with the following:
 - (a) fixtures in patient rooms are wheelchair accessible;
 - (b) patient rooms contain space for wheelchair storage separate from normal traffic flow areas;
 - (c) toilet room doors swing out from the toilet room or are double-acting; and
 - (d) patient rooms provide each patient a wardrobe, closet, or locker, having minimum clear dimensions of 22 inches by 36 inches, suitable for hanging full-length garments. A clothes rod and adjustable shelf are provided.
- (4) The licensee shall ensure a clean workroom or clean holding room is provided for preparing patient care items and contains a counter, handwashing facilities, and storage facilities. The work counter and handwashing facilities may be omitted in rooms used only for storage and holding, as part of a larger system for distribution of clean and sterile supplies.
- (5) The licensee shall ensure a soiled workroom is provided and contains a clinical sink, a sink equipped for handwashing, a work counter, waste receptacles, and a linen receptacle. The work counter and handwashing facilities may be omitted in rooms used only for storage and holding.
- (6) The licensee shall ensure the medicine preparation room or unit is under visual control of the nursing staff and has the following:
 - (a) a minimum area of 50 square feet; and
 - (b) a locking mechanism to prohibit unauthorized access.
- (7) The licensee shall ensure each nursing unit has equipment to provide ice for patient treatment and nourishment.
 - (a) Ice-making equipment may be located in the clean workroom or at the nourishment station if access is controlled by staff.
 - (b) Ice intended for human consumption shall be dispensed by self-dispensing ice makers.
- (8) The licensee shall ensure yard equipment and supply storage areas are located so that equipment may be moved directly to the exterior without passing through building rooms or corridors.

R432-9-5. 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 department. 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 before licensing agency approval.

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