

HIGHLIGHTS: Overview of Requirements

- Facilities must:
 - provide sufficient space and equipment to provide residents with needed services as required by the requirements of participation and the resident assessment and plan of care
 - maintain all mechanical, electrical, and patient care equipment in safe operating condition
 - conduct regular inspection of all bed frames, mattresses and bed rails to prevent entrapment
 - establish policies, in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, regarding smoking, smoking areas, and smoking safety that also take into account non-smoking residents
 - have a call system that allows residents to call directly to staff from the beside, **toilet, and bathing facilities (must be accessible to resident lying on the floor).**
- Facilities that are constructed, re-constructed, or newly certified after November 28, 2016, cannot accommodate more than two residents in a bedroom.
- Facilities that are constructed or newly certified after November 28, 2016, must have a bathroom in each room equipped with at least a commode (toilet) and sink.

REVIEW & ACTION: Implementation Strategies and Tips

Phase I – by November 28, 2016

- ✓ Develop a process to ensure that the environment (space and equipment in dining, health services, recreation, living, and program areas) supports the services identified in resident assessments and care plans. For example, discuss space or environmental needs when identifying person-centered goals in the care plan or when completing the resident assessment.
- ✓ Review processes related to ensuring a safe physical environment:
 - Does the facility conduct regular inspection of all mechanical, electrical, and patient care equipment to ensure safe operating condition?
 - Does the facility conduct regular inspection of all bed frames, mattresses, and bed rails, if any, as part of a regular maintenance program to identify areas of possible entrapment?
 - Note: When bed rails and mattresses are used and purchased separately from the bed frame, the facility must ensure that the bed rails, mattress, and bed frame are compatible.
 - Is each resident provided with a separate bed of proper size and height for the safety and convenience of the resident?
- ✓ If a facility receives approval of construction or reconstruction plans by State and local authorities, or is newly certified, after November 28, 2016, ensure that resident rooms accommodate no more than two residents (eliminate any four-bed rooms).

- ✓ If a facility receives approval of construction from State and local authorities, or is newly certified, after November 28, 2016, ensure that each resident room has its own bathroom equipped with at least a commode and a sink.

Phase II – by November 28, 2017





- ✓ Establish policies, in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, regarding smoking, smoking areas, and smoking safety that also take into account non-smoking residents.

Phase III – by November 28, 2019

- ✓ Put in place a call system that relays the call directly to a staff member or a centralized staff work area from each resident’s bedside (as well as from toilet and bathing facilities). **The call system must be accessible to the resident lying on the floor.**

RESOURCES: Additional Materials to Help You

Tips

-  Reconstruction is defined as a major reconfiguration of the space that requires moving residents out of the area where the reconstruction is occurring. For example, if a facility is conducting a major renovation on a wing and all residents must be relocated, included in that renovation must be eliminating any four-bed rooms. For reconstruction, the requirement applies only to the reconstructed area; where reconstruction involves a limited area within a building, a facility would not need to upgrade the entire building to meet the new requirements.
-  The requirement regarding equipping each room with its own bathroom including at least a sink and a toilet applies to newly constructed or newly certified facilities.
-  When facilities change ownership, the new owners have the option of accepting the existing provider agreement. In this case, the facility would not be “newly certified.” However, when a new owner does not accept the existing provider agreement, the facility does require a “new certification” and these requirements would apply.
-  If you are a non-smoking campus, you should have a policy stating this. Ensure you have provisions for any residents who may have been admitted before the campus became fully non-smoking to allow them to exercise their rights.