

1 10A NCAC 13D .3201 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **SECTION .3200 - FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

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5 **10A NCAC 13D .3201 REQUIRED SPACES**

6 (a) In a facility, The the net floor area of a single bedroom shall not be less than 100 square feet and the ~~net~~ floor
7 area of a room for more than one bed shall not be less than 80 square feet per bed. The 80 square feet and 100
8 square feet requirements shall be exclusive of closets, toilet rooms, vestibules or wardrobes. When a designated
9 single room exceeds 159 ~~net~~ square feet in floor area, it shall remain a single bedroom and ~~cannot~~ shall not be used
10 as a multi-bedroom unless approved in advance by the Division ~~to meet~~ as meeting the requirements of G.S. 131E,
11 Article 9.

12 (b) The total space set aside for dining, ~~recreation~~ activity and other common use shall not be less than 25 square
13 feet per bed for a nursing facility and 30 square feet per bed for the adult care home portion of a combination
14 facility. Physical therapy, occupational therapy and rehabilitation space shall not be included in this total.

15 (c) In nursing facilities, included in the total square footage required by ~~Rule .3201 (b) of this Section Paragraph (b)~~
16 of this Rule, a separate dining area or areas ~~at~~ with a minimum of 10 square feet per bed shall be provided and a
17 separate activity area or areas ~~at~~ with a minimum of 10 square feet per bed shall be provided. The remainder of the
18 total ~~required space for dining and activities~~ square footage required by Paragraph (b) of this Rule may be in a
19 separate area or combined with either of the ~~required~~ separate dining and activity areas required by this Paragraph.
20 If a facility is designed with patient household units for 30 or less patients, the dining and activity areas in the
21 household units are not required to be separate.

22 (d) In combination facilities, included in the total square footage required by ~~Rule .3201(b) of this Section~~
23 Paragraph (b) of this Rule, a separate dining area or areas ~~at~~ with at least 14 square feet per adult care home bed
24 shall be provided. The adult care home dining area or areas may be combined with the nursing facility dining area
25 or areas. A separate activity area or areas for ~~domiciliary~~ adult care home beds shall be provided ~~at~~ with at least 16
26 square feet per ~~domiciliary~~ adult care home bed. The adult care home activity area ~~may~~ shall not be combined with
27 the activity area or areas required for nursing beds;

28 (e) Dining, activity, and living space shall be designed and equipped to provide accessibility to both patients
29 confined to wheelchairs and ambulatory patients. ~~Required dining,~~ Dining, activity, and living areas required by
30 Paragraph (b) of this Rule shall have windows with views to the outside. ~~The glazing material for the windows. The~~
31 gross window area shall not be less than eight percent of the floor area required for each dining, activity, or living
32 space.

33 (f) Closets and storage units for equipment and supplies shall not be included as part of the ~~required~~ dining, activity,
34 and living floor space ~~area.~~ area required by Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

35 (g) ~~Handicap accessible outdoor~~ Outdoor areas for individual and group activities shall be provided and shall be
36 accessible to patients and residents with physical disabilities.

37 (h) For nursing beds, separate bedroom closets or wardrobes shall be provided in each bedroom to provide each

1 occupant with a minimum of 36 cubic feet of clothing storage space at least half of which is for hanging clothes.

2 (i) For adult care home beds, separate bedroom closets or wardrobes shall be provided in each bedroom to provide
3 each adult care home resident with a minimum of 48 cubic feet of clothing storage space at least half of which is for
4 hanging clothes.

5 (j) Some means for patients and residents to lock personal articles within the facility shall be provided.

6 (k) A toilet room shall be directly accessible from each patient room and from each central bathing area without
7 going through the general corridor. One toilet room may serve two patient rooms but not more than eight beds. The
8 lavatory may be omitted from the toilet room if one is provided in each patient room. One tub or shower shall be
9 provided for each 15 beds not individually served. ~~There shall be at least one bathtub accessible on three sides and
10 one shower provided for each 60 beds or fraction thereof.~~

11 For each 120 beds or fraction thereof the following shall be provided:

12 (1) at least one bathtub or a manufactured walk-in bathtub or a similar manufactured bathtub designed
13 for easy transfer of patients into the tub. All bathtubs must be accessible on three sides; and

14 (2) at least one roll-in shower designed and equipped for unobstructed ease of shower chair entry and
15 use.

16 (l) For each nursing unit, or fraction thereof on each floor, the following shall be provided:

17 (1) a medication preparation area with a counter, a sink ~~with four inch faucet trim handles,~~ a
18 medication refrigerator, eye level medication storage, cabinet storage and a double locked narcotic storage
19 ~~room area located adjacent to the nursing station or under the visual control of the nursing station staff. The~~
20 sink shall be trimmed with valves that can be operated without hands. If the sink is equipped with blade
21 handles, the blade handles shall not be less than four inches in length. The sink water spout shall be
22 mounted so that its discharge point is a minimum of ten inches above the bottom of the sink basin;

23 (2) a clean utility room with a counter, ~~sink with four inch handles, wall and under counter sink, and~~
24 storage. The sink shall be trimmed with valves that can be operated without hands. If the sink is equipped
25 with blade handles, the blade handles shall not be less than four inches in length. The sink water spout shall
26 be mounted so that its discharge point is a minimum of ten inches above the bottom of the sink basin;

27 (3) a soiled utility room with a counter, ~~sink with four inch handles, wall and under counter storage, a~~
28 flush rim clinical sink or water closet with a device for cleaning bedpans; and a means for washing and
29 sanitizing bedpans and other utensils. sink, and storage. The sink shall be trimmed with valves that can be
30 operated without hands. If the sink is equipped with blade handles, the blade handles shall not be less than
31 four inches in length. The sink water spout shall be mounted so that its discharge point is a minimum of ten
32 inches above the bottom of the sink basin. The soiled utility room shall be equipped for the cleaning and
33 sanitizing of bedpans as required by Rule 15A NCAC 18A .1312 Toilet: Handwashing: Laundry: And
34 Bathing Facilities;

35 (4) a nurses' toilet and locker space for ~~coats, purses, and~~ personal belongings;

36 (5) ~~an audio visual nurse patient call system arranged to ensure that a patient's call in the facility is~~
37 noted at a staffed station;

1 ~~(6)~~(5) a soiled linen storage room. If the soiled linen storage room is combined with the soiled utility
2 room, a separate soiled linen storage room is not required;

3 ~~(7)~~(6) a clean linen storage room;

4 ~~(8)~~(7) a nourishment station in an area enclosed with walls and doors ~~which~~ that contains work space,
5 cabinets and refrigerated storage, and a small stove, microwave oven or hot plate. If a facility is designed
6 with patient household units, a patient dietary area located within the patient household unit may substitute
7 for the nourishment station. The patient dietary area shall include cooking equipment, a kitchen sink,
8 refrigerated storage and storage areas and shall be for the use of staff, patients and families;

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10 ~~(9)~~(8) ~~one nurses' station consisting of desk space for writing, storage space for office supplies, storage~~
11 ~~space for patients' records and space for nurses' call equipment.~~ an audio-visual nurse-patient call system
12 arranged to ensure that a patient's call in the facility readily notifies and directs staff to the location where
13 the call was activated;

14 (9) a control point with an area for charting patient records, space for storage of emergency
15 equipment and supplies, and nurse-patient call and alarm annunciation systems; and

16 (10) a janitor's closet.

17 (m) Clean linen storage shall be provided in a separate room from bulk supplies. Clean linen for nursing units may
18 be stored in closed carts, ~~or~~ in cabinets in the clean utility room, or in a linen closet on the unit floor.

19 ~~(n) A soiled linen room shall be provided.~~

20 ~~(o)(n) Each nursing unit shall be provided with at least one janitor's closet. The~~ If provided, the kitchen area and
21 laundry area each shall have a janitor's closet. Administration, occupational and physical therapy, recreation,
22 personal care and employee ~~facilities~~ areas shall ~~be provided~~ have janitor's closets and may share one as a group.

23 ~~(p)(o) Stretcher and wheelchair storage shall be provided.~~

24 ~~(q)(p) Bulk storage shall be provided at the rate of~~ at least five square feet of floor area per licensed bed. This
25 storage space shall be either in the facility or within 500 feet of the facility on the same site. This storage space shall
26 be in addition to the other storage space required by this Rule.

27 ~~(r)(q) Office space shall be provided for business transactions. Office space shall also be provided for persons~~
28 holding the following positions: ~~administrator, director of nursing, social services director, activities director and~~
29 ~~physical therapist. There shall also be a business office.~~

30 (1) administrator;

31 (2) director of nursing;

32 (3) social services director;

33 (4) activities director; and

34 (5) physical therapist.

35 ~~(s)(r) Each combination facility shall provide a minimum of one residential washer and residential dryer located to~~
36 ~~be accessible by adult care home staff, residents, and family unless personal laundry service is provided by the~~
37 ~~facility.~~

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