

1 10A NCAC 13E .0315 is proposed for adoption as follows:  
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3 **10A NCAC 13E .0315 HOUSEKEEPING AND FURNISHINGS**

4 (a) Each overnight respite services program shall:

- 5 (1) have walls, ceilings, and floors or floor coverings kept clean, well maintained, and free of damage;
- 6 (2) have no lingering odors;
- 7 (3) have furniture clean and free of damage;
- 8 (4) have a North Carolina Environmental Health Services Section approved sanitation classification at  
9 all times;
- 10 (5) be maintained in an uncluttered, clean, and orderly condition, free of all obstructions and hazards;
- 11 (6) have a supply of bath soap, clean towels, washcloths, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, and additional  
12 coverings adequate for participant use on hand at all times;
- 13 (7) make available the following items as needed but shall not charge the participant's personal funds  
14 for the cost of these items:
  - 15 (A) protective sheets; and clean, absorbent, soft, and smooth pads;
  - 16 (B) bedpans, urinals, hot water bottles, and ice bags; and
  - 17 (C) bedside commodes, walkers, and wheelchairs;
- 18 (8) have a television and radio, each in good working order;
- 19 (9) have curtains, draperies, shades, or blinds at all windows in participant-use areas to provide for  
20 participant privacy;
- 21 (10) have recreational equipment, supplies for games, books, magazines, and a current newspaper  
22 available for participants;
- 23 (11) have a clock that has numbers at least 1½ inches tall in an area commonly used by the participants;  
24 and
- 25 (12) have at least one working telephone that does not depend on electricity or cellular service to operate.

26 (b) Each bedroom shall have the following furnishings for each participant:

- 27 (1) beds equipped with box springs and mattress, solid link springs and no-sag innerspring, or a foam  
28 mattress. A hospital bed shall be provided as needed. A water bed may be allowed if requested by a  
29 participant and permitted by the overnight respite services program. Each bed shall have the  
30 following:
  - 31 (A) at least one pillow with clean pillow case;
  - 32 (B) clean top and bottom sheets on the bed, changed at least once a week; and
  - 33 (C) clean bedspread and other clean coverings as needed;
- 34 (2) a bedside-type table;
- 35 (3) a chest of drawers or bureau for a single participant or a double chest of drawers or double dresser  
36 for two participants when not provided as built-ins;
- 37 (4) a wall or dresser mirror;

1           (5) a minimum of one comfortable chair per participant, high enough from the floor for easy rising;

2           (6) additional chairs available, as needed, for use by visitors;

3           (7) individual clean towel, wash cloth, and towel bar within the bedroom or adjoining bathroom; and

4           (8) a wall-mounted light overhead of the bed or a lamp with a switch within reach of a person lying on  
5           the bed. The light shall provide a minimum of 30 foot-candle power of illumination for reading.

6 (c) The living room shall have functional living room furnishings for the comfort of participants with coverings that  
7 are easily cleanable.

8 (d) The dining room shall have the following furnishings:

9           (1) tables and chairs to seat all participants eating in the dining room; and

10          (2) chairs that are sturdy, non-folding, without rollers unless retractable or on front legs only, and  
11          designed to minimize tilting.

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