

1 10A NCAC 13E .0315 is adopted with changes as published in 31:06 NCR, pp. 462-474, 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~~; 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~~ a 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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