10A NCAC 13K .1205 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

**FURNISHINGS FOR HOSPICE INPATIENT CARE**

(a) Handgrips shall be provided A facility shall provide handgrips at all toilet and bath facilities used by patients. Handrails shall be provided on both sides of all corridors where corridors are defined by walls and used by patients.

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

1. A nourishment station with work space, cabinet, and refrigerated storage, a small stove or hot plate in an area physically separated from the nurses' station, with:
   1. (A) work space;
   2. (B) cabinets;
   3. (C) refrigerated storage;
   4. (D) a sink trimmed with valves that can be operated without hands. If the sink is equipped with blade handles, the blade handles shall not be less than four inches in length. If the sink faucet depends on the building electrical service for operation, the faucet shall be connected to the essential electrical system. If the faucet has battery operated sensors, the facility shall have a maintenance policy to keep extra rechargeable or non-rechargeable batteries on premises for the faucets;
   5. (E) a small stove, microwave, or hot plate; and

2. A nurses' station consisting of adequate desk space for writing, storage space for office supplies and storage space for patients' records, with:
   1. (A) desk space for writing;
   2. (B) storage space for office supplies; and
   3. (C) storage space for patients' records.

(c) Flameproof privacy screens or curtains shall be provided. A facility shall provide flame resistant cubicle curtains in multi-bedded rooms.

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