

## 10A NCAC 13G .0315 HOUSEKEEPING AND FURNISHINGS

- (a) Each family care home shall:
- (1) have walls, ceilings, and floors or floor coverings kept clean and in good repair;
  - (2) have no chronic unpleasant odors;
  - (3) have furniture clean and in good repair;
  - (4) have a North Carolina Division of Environmental Health approved sanitation classification at all times;
  - (5) be maintained in an uncluttered, clean and orderly manner, free of all obstructions and hazards;
  - (6) have supply of bath soap, clean towels, washcloths, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, and additional coverings adequate for resident use on hand at all times;
  - (7) make available the following items as needed through any means other than charge to the personal funds of recipients of State-County Special Assistance:
    - (A) protective sheets and clean, absorbent, soft and smooth pads;
    - (B) bedpans, urinals, hot water bottles, and ice caps; and
    - (C) bedside commodes, walkers, and wheelchairs;
  - (8) have television and radio, each in good working order;
  - (9) have curtains, draperies or blinds at windows in resident use areas to provide for resident privacy;
  - (10) have recreational equipment, supplies for games, books, magazines and a current newspaper available for residents;
  - (11) have a clock that has numbers at least 1½ inches tall in an area commonly used by the residents; and
  - (12) have at least one telephone that does not depend on electricity or cellular service to operate.
- (b) Each bedroom shall have the following furnishings in good repair and clean for each resident:
- (1) A bed equipped with box springs and mattress or solid link springs and no-sag innerspring or foam mattress. Hospital bed appropriately equipped shall be arranged for as needed. A water bed is allowed if requested by a resident and permitted by the home. Each bed is to have the following:
    - (A) at least one pillow with clean pillow case;
    - (B) clean top and bottom sheets on the bed, with bed changed as often as necessary but at least once a week; and
    - (C) clean bedspread and other clean coverings as needed;
  - (2) a bedside type table;
  - (3) chest of drawers or bureau when not provided as built-ins, or a double chest of drawers or double dresser for two residents;
  - (4) a wall or dresser mirror that can be used by each resident;
  - (5) a minimum of one comfortable chair (rocker or straight, arm or without arms, as preferred by resident), high enough from floor for easy rising;
  - (6) additional chairs available, as needed, for use by visitors;
  - (7) individual clean towel, wash cloth, and towel bar within bedroom or adjoining bathroom; and
  - (8) a light overhead of bed with a switch within reach of person lying on bed; or a lamp. The light shall provide a minimum of 30 foot-candle power of illumination for reading.
- (c) The living room shall have functional living room furnishings for the comfort of aged and disabled persons, with coverings that are easily cleanable.
- (d) The dining room shall have the following furnishings:
- (1) tables and chairs to seat all residents eating in the dining room; and
  - (2) chairs that are sturdy, non-folding, without rollers unless retractable or on front legs only, and designed to minimize tilting.
- (e) This Rule shall apply to new and existing homes.

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