

## **10A NCAC 70K .0314 HOUSEKEEPING AND FURNISHINGS**

- (a) Each residential maternity 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) be maintained in an uncluttered, clean and orderly manner, free of all obstructions and hazards;
  - (5) have a supply of bath soap, clean towels, washcloths, sheets, pillow cases, blankets and additional coverings adequate for resident use on hand at all times;
  - (6) have television and radio, each in good working order;
  - (7) have curtains, draperies or blinds at windows in resident use areas to provide for resident privacy;
  - (8) have recreational equipment, supplies for games, books, magazines and a current newspaper available for residents; and
  - (9) have at least one telephone that does not depend on electricity or cellular service to operate. Emergency telephone numbers shall be posted at the telephone.
- (b) Each bedroom shall have the following furnishings in good repair and clean for each mother:
- (1) a bed equipped with box springs and mattress or solid link springs and no-sag innerspring or foam mattress. No day-bed, convertible sofa or other bedding of temporary nature shall be used. 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 and lamp;
  - (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);
  - (6) additional chairs available, as needed, for use by visitors;
  - (7) a light overhead of each bed or a lamp. The light shall provide a minimum of 30 foot-candle power of illumination for reading; and
  - (8) cribs for each infant; children's beds for other children of the mothers.
- (c) The living room shall have functional living room furnishings for the comfort of maternity home residents, 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) high chairs and booster seats for all infants and children in the home.
- (e) This Rule shall apply to new and existing homes.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-1; 143B-153;  
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