



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



37.106.1609 SECURED UNITS

- (1) A forensic mental health facility (FMHF) must have one or more separate secured unit(s) within the facility for housing clients that includes bedrooms and common space.
- (2) A secured unit must be staffed at all times clients are present in the unit.
- (3) A secured unit must have a staff station to include the following:
 - (a) provisions for charting;
 - (b) provisions for hand washing;
 - (c) provisions for secured medication storage and preparation; and
 - (d) telephone access.
- (4) A secured unit must have access to a nourishment station or to a kitchen that must include the following:
 - (a) a work counter;
 - (b) a refrigerator;
 - (c) storage cabinets;
 - (d) a sink;
 - (e) space for trays and dishes used for nonscheduled meal service;
 - (f) hand washing facilities immediately accessible to clients and staff; and
 - (g) ice for client consumption provided by icemaker-dispenser units or periodically made available during the day.
- (5) A common space within each secured unit must be provided at a ratio of 35 square feet per client.
- (6) The corridors of a secured unit must have general illumination with provisions for reducing light levels at night.
- (7) No more than one client must reside in a bedroom.
- (8) Client bedrooms must be at a minimum of 70 square feet and must include the following:
 - (a) a bed with a waterproof mattress;
 - (b) a small wardrobe, dresser, shelves, or bed compartment for storage of clients' personal items;

- (c) general lighting and night lighting, control for night lighting may be located outside the room at the room entrance;
- (d) electrical outlets that are tamper-resistant and GFI-protected, outlets may be controlled from outside of the room;
- (e) a window with a minimum of 248 square inches of glazing which must be designed to limit the opportunity for clients to inflict serious harm as a result of breaking the window and using pieces to inflict harm on themselves or others. Windows:
 - (i) must be of tempered glass or laminated safety glass to resist impact loads; and
 - (ii) if operable, must have security locks.
- (9) Sinks and toilets may be provided in client rooms. The fixtures may be controlled from outside of the room.
- (10) An FMHF must not use automatic door closures unless required. If required, such closures must be mounted on the public side of the door within view of a staff work station or under video surveillance.
- (11) An FMHF must use doors that:
 - (a) have door hinges designed to minimize points for hanging (i.e., cut hinge type); and
 - (b) have tamper-resistant fasteners.
- (12) An FMHF must provide:
 - (a) at least one toilet for every eight clients;
 - (b) at least one bathing unit for every twelve clients, a shower or tub is not required if the FMHF utilizes a central bathing unit for all clients; and
 - (c) doors to toilet rooms or bathing units that swing out or slide into the wall and which must be capable of being unlocked from the outside.
- (13) Toilet rooms and bathing units may be under key control by staff.
- (14) An FMHF must not use towel bars, clothing rods, hooks, or lever handles.

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