



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



37.106.2899H CATEGORY D: SECLUSION ROOM REQUIREMENTS

- (1) A category D facility or unit must have at least one room designated to be used for seclusion for every 24 beds.
- (2) The location of these rooms must facilitate staff observation and monitoring of residents in these rooms.
- (3) Seclusion rooms may only be used by one resident at a time.
- (4) Seclusion rooms must:
 - (a) be a minimum of 60 square feet, and a minimum of 80 square feet if restraint beds are used;
 - (b) be a minimum length of 7 feet and maximum wall length of 11 feet;
 - (c) be a minimum height of 9 feet;
 - (d) be accessed by an anteroom or vestibule that provides direct access to a toilet room;
 - (e) have door openings to the anteroom and toilet room with a minimum clear width of 3 feet 8 inches;
 - (f) be constructed to prevent hiding, escape, injury, or suicide;
 - (g) have walls designed to withstand direct and forceful impact and have materials that meet Class A or Class B finishes as defined by the 2012 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101;
 - (h) have monolithic ceilings;
 - (i) not contain outside corners or edges;
 - (j) have doors that swing out, have a clear opening of 3 feet 8 inches, and permit staff observation through a vision panel, while maintaining provisions for privacy;
 - (k) have tamper resistant fixtures, such as light fixtures, vent covers, and cameras;
 - (l) have electrical switches and outlets that are restricted within the seclusion room; and
 - (m) have door lever handles that point downward when in the latched or unlatched position, except for specifically designed anti-ligature hardware.
- (5) A licensed nurse must provide residents with constant one-on-one supervision when in the seclusion room.

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