**Section 350.2690 Service Departments**

a) Dietary facilities shall comply with the standards specified in the Department's rules entitled "Food Service Sanitation" (77 Ill. Adm. Code 750). Food service facilities shall be designed and equipped to meet the requirements of the Narrative Program. These may consist of an on-site conventional food preparing system, a convenience food service system, or an appropriate combination of the two. (B)

b) The kitchen consisting of food preparation, cooking, and serving areas, shall be approximately ten square feet per resident bed with a minimum area of at least 200 square feet. It shall be properly located for efficient food service, and be large enough to accommodate the equipment and personnel needed to prepare and serve the number of meals required. (B)

c) The following facilities shall be provided as required to implement the type of food service selected:

1) A control station shall be provided for receiving food supplies.

2) Storage space shall be adequate to provide normal and emergency supply needs, approximately two and one-half square feet per patient bed, for bulk and daily food storage, located in a room convenient to the kitchen.

3) Food Preparation Facilities: Conventional food preparation systems required space and equipment for preparing, cooking, and baking. Convenience food service systems such as frozen prepared meals, bulk packaged entrees, and individual packaged portions, or systems using contractual commissary service require space and equipment for thawing, portioning, heating, cooking, or baking.

4) Handwashing facilities shall be located in the food preparation area.

5) Residents' meal service facilities shall be provided as required for tray assembly and distribution.

6) Warewashing space shall be located in a room or an alcove separate from food preparation and serving areas. Commercial type dishwashing equipment shall be provided. Space shall also be provided for receiving, scraping, sorting, stacking and loading soiled tableware and for transferring clean tableware to the using areas. A handwashing lavatory shall be provided. (B)

7) Potwashing facilities shall be located conveniently for washing and sanitizing cooking utensils. (B, C)

8) Storage areas shall be provided for cans, carts, and mobile tray conveyors.

9) Waste storage facilities shall be located in a separate room easily accessible to the outside for direct pickup or disposal.

10) Office or desk space shall be provided for the dietitian or the dietary service manager.

11) Toilets shall be accessible to the dietary staff. Handwashing facilities shall be immediately available.

12) A janitors' closet for the exclusive use in food preparation areas shall be located within the dietary department. It shall contain a floor receptor or service sink and storage space for housekeeping equipment and supplies.

13) Self-dispensing icemaking facilities shall be provided.

14) Provide adequate can, cart and mobile tray washing facilities as required.

d) Linen Service

1) Provide a laundry room with commercial type equipment designed to meet the needs of the facility unless a commercial laundry service is used.

2) The laundry facilities shall be designed to provide for the processing of linens from soiled linen receiving/sorting through washing, through drying, through clean linen inspection, folding and storage, maintaining a separation between soiled and clean functions.

3) Provide for the storage of laundry supplies and carts.

4) If washers and dryers are provided for personal use of residents, they shall be located in a room separate from the facility's laundry room.

e) Housekeeping and Storage

1) Sufficient janitor's closets shall be provided throughout the facility as required to maintain a clean and sanitary environment. Each shall contain a floor receptor or service sink and storage space for housekeeping equipment and supplies. Space for large housekeeping equipment and for back-up supplies may be centrally located.

2) Provide a total area of approximately ten square feet per resident bed for the storage areas designated in this service department. This does not include closets or wardrobes in residents' rooms. Separate storage space with provisions for locking and security control shall be provided for residents' personal effects which are not kept in residents' bedrooms.

3) Provide storage rooms for maintenance supplies and yard equipment.

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