

Room Size and/or More Than Four (4) Beds per Room

In accordance with the Health Facilities Rule 410 IAC 16.2-3.1-19 resident rooms must be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort, and full visual privacy of residents. Requirements for bedrooms must be as follows:

- Accommodate no more than four (4) residents.
- Measure at least eighty (80) square feet per resident in multiple resident bedrooms and at least one hundred (100) square feet in single resident rooms.
- A facility initially licensed prior to January 1, 1964, must provide not less than sixty (60) square feet per bed in multiple occupancy rooms. A facility initially licensed after January 1, 1964, must have at least seventy (70) square feet of usable floor area for each bed. Any facility that provides an increase in bed capacity with plans approved after December 19, 1977, must provide eighty (80) square feet of usable floor area per bed.

General Information

If a facility does not meet the above-mentioned requirements the facility will be cited for the applicable tag number(s) each year during the recertification survey and the post-certification revisit, as applicable. A room size or number of beds per room waiver can then be requested. A waiver is not granted unless it has been cited as a deficiency during the recertification survey, has been recommended for approval by the surveyors, and is supported by appropriate documentation.

Contents of a Waiver Request

A waiver request must include all of the following information/documentation:

- Location of the room in violation of the rule
- Room Type (Residential, Non-Certified Comprehensive (NCC), Medicare, or Medicaid)
- Copy of Facility Floor Plan on 8 ½ by 11 paper to show the room numbers and number of beds per room
- Signed statement by the Administrator stating that the health and safety of the residents will not be jeopardized, and that resident's needs are being met.

Submission Requirements

The request should be submitted to:

Program Director-Provider Services
Indiana State Department of Health
Division of Long Term Care, Section 4-B
2 N Meridian St
Indianapolis, IN 46204
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