

including the potential risks and benefits of the use of bed rails, refer to F700 Bed Rails located in Quality of Care at §483.25(n).

PROCEDURES: §483.90(d)(3)

When investigating F909, surveyors may reference Food and Drug Administration (FDA) documents entitled “Hospital Bed System Dimensional and Assessment Guidance to Reduce Entrapment” dated March 10, 2006, “Practice Hospital Bed Safety” dated February 2013, and “Guide to Bed Safety Rails in Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Home Health Care: The Facts” as to the proper dimensions and distances apart of various parts of the bed such as distance between bed frames and mattresses, bed rails and mattress etc. to prevent entrapment by users of the bed.

PROBES: §483.90(d)(3)

How does the facility assure the inspection of all bed frames, mattresses and bed rails, if any, as part of their regular maintenance program?

Is equipment inspected and maintained according to manufacturer’s recommendations and requirements and timeframes?

Does the mattress fit the bed frame properly limiting entrapment zones?

Is the bed rail securely and properly installed according to manufacturer’s requirements to limit entrapment zones?

F910

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§483.90(e) Resident Rooms

Resident rooms must be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort, and privacy of residents.

F911

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§483.90 (e)(1) Bedrooms must

§483.90(e)(1)(i) Accommodate no more than four residents. For facilities that receive approval of construction or reconstruction plans by State and local authorities or are newly certified after November 28, 2016, bedrooms must accommodate no more than two residents.

GUIDANCE:

As residents are transferred or discharged from rooms with more than four residents, beds should be removed from the variance until the number of residents occupying the room does not exceed four.

“**Recreation/activities area**” means any area where residents can participate in those activities identified in their plan of care.

PROCEDURES: §483.90(d)(1)

In the use of space, consider if available space and equipment is sufficient in dining, health services, recreation, and program areas to allow residents to pursue activities and receive health services and programs as identified in their assessment and care plan.

Is there sufficient space for storing and utilizing mobility devices, assistive technology, physical therapy or adaptive equipment as identified in the resident assessment or plan of care?

F908

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§483.90(d)(2) Maintain all mechanical, electrical, and patient care equipment in safe operating condition.

PROCEDURES/PROBES: §483.90(d)(2)

How does the facility assure all mechanical, electrical and patient care equipment is maintained in safe operating condition?

Is essential equipment (e.g., boiler room equipment, nursing unit/medication room refrigerators, kitchen refrigerator/freezer and laundry equipment) in safe operating condition?

Inspect the bed control panel covering for signs of damage where liquids could leak in.

Inspect the bed’s power cord, cord plug and wall plug in for damage if electrically powered bed.

Is equipment maintained according to manufacturer’s recommendations?

F909

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§483.90(d)(3) Conduct Regular inspection of all bed frames, mattresses, and bed rails, if any, as part of a regular maintenance program to identify areas of possible entrapment. When bed rails and mattresses are used and purchased separately from the bed frame, the facility must ensure that the bed rails, mattress, and bed frame are compatible.

GUIDANCE: §483.90(d)(3)

For concerns related to the inspection or compatibility of bed frames, mattresses and bed rails, cite those here. For additional guidance on the assessment of individual’s needs,