

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.