

“At or above grade level” means a room in which the room floor is at or above the surrounding exterior ground level. No resident rooms in basements or below ground level are allowed.

PROBES: §483.90(e)(1)(vii)

Are the bedrooms at or above ground level?

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§483.10(i)(4) Private closet space in each resident room, as specified in §483.90(e)(2)(iv)

§483.90(e)(2) -The facility must provide each resident with--

- (i) A separate bed of proper size and height for the safety and convenience of the resident;**
- (ii) A clean, comfortable mattress;**
- (iii) Bedding, appropriate to the weather and climate; and**
- (iv) Functional furniture appropriate to the resident’s needs, and individual closet space in the resident’s bedroom with clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident.**

§483.90(e)(3) CMS, or in the case of a nursing facility the survey agency, may permit variations in requirements specified in paragraphs (e)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section relating to rooms in individual cases when the facility demonstrates in writing that the variations

- (i) Are in accordance with the special needs of the residents; and**
- (ii) Will not adversely affect residents’ health and safety.**

GUIDANCE: §483.90(e)(2)(i), (e)(2)(ii), (e)(2)(iii), (e)(2)(iv), §483.10(i)(4), §483.90(e)(3), (e)(3)(i), and (e)(3)(ii)

“Functional furniture appropriate to the resident’s needs” means that the furniture in each resident’s room contributes to the resident attaining or maintaining his or her highest practicable level of independence and well-being. In general, furnishings include a place to put clothing away in an organized manner that will let it remain clean, free of wrinkles, and accessible to the resident while protecting it from casual access by others; a place to put personal effects such as pictures and a bedside clock, and furniture suitable for the comfort of the resident and visitors (e.g., a chair).

For issues with arrangement of room furniture according to resident needs and preferences, see §483.10(e), Accommodation of Needs, Tag F558.

“Clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident” means that residents can get to and reach their hanging clothing whenever they choose.