

10A NCAC 13K .1107 HOUSEKEEPING AND LINENS

(a) Requirements for linens and personal care articles shall include:

- (1) The use of common towels, washcloths, cups or any other personal care articles is prohibited.
- (2) Each resident shall have a supply of towels, washcloths and soap.
- (3) There shall be a supply of clean bed linens, towels, and washcloths.
- (4) There shall be a separate closed area for storage of clean linen.
- (5) Clean bed linens shall be changed as often as necessary, but no less than twice each week.
- (6) Mattress pads and pillows shall be of washable material.
- (7) There shall be separate storage for soiled linen and clothing. Such storage may consist of individual plastic bags or covered hampers or a soiled linen room. All personnel shall wash their hands thoroughly after handling soiled linen.
- (8) Laundry equipment shall be maintained in the facility or arrangements made with a commercial laundry to handle soiled linen.

(b) Housekeeping requirements are as follows:

- (1) Housekeeping practices and procedures shall be employed to keep the home free from offensive odors, and accumulations of dirt, rubbish and dust.
- (2) Cleaning shall be performed in a manner to minimize the spread of pathogenic organisms. Floors shall be cleaned regularly. Polishes on floors shall provide a non-skid finish; throw or scatter rugs shall not be used except for non-skid entrance mats.

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