

7 AAC 12.740. Laundry service

- ⊕ (a) Each facility, with the exception of home health agencies, frontier extended stay clinics, and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, must provide a laundry service.
- (b) A facility must develop and implement written procedures for handling, processing, storage, and transportation of linen in a manner that will prevent the spread of infection and will assure the maintenance of clean linen.
- (c) If a facility operates its own laundry, it must be
- (1) located so that steam, odors, lint, and objectionable noises do not reach patient or personnel areas;
 - (2) well-lighted, ventilated, and adequate in size for the needs of the facility;
 - (3) maintained in a sanitary manner and in good repair;
 - (4) separate from any storage area; and
 - (5) organized so that clean and soiled functions are physically separated.
- (d) A facility must have laundry equipment that provides hot water at a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit unless the facility uses an alternative disinfectant measure, including ozonized water, bleach, or a bleach byproduct, at a lower temperature recommended by the product manufacturer. If the facility uses an alternative disinfectant measure, the facility must develop a written policy and procedure for use of the product and must maintain documentation of the manufacturer's minimum recommended water temperature.
- (e) Hand-washing and toilet facilities for laundry personnel must be provided at a location convenient to the laundry.
- (f) Separate covered carts must be used for transporting soiled and clean linen. The carts must be clearly labeled and equipped with washable covers that are laundered or suitably cleaned daily.
- (g) If laundry service is provided by an outside laundry service establishment, the facility must choose an establishment that meets the requirements of this section.

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