Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 4.—Maternal and Child Health—Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF).

28-4-1212. Health and safety requirements for the use of seclusion rooms.

(a) Each licensee shall ensure that the following requirements are met for each room used for seclusion:

(1) The locking system shall be approved by the state fire marshal.

(2) No room used for seclusion shall be in a basement.

(3) Each door shall be equipped with a window mounted in a manner that allows inspection of the entire room.

(4) Each window in a room used for seclusion shall be impact-resistant and shatterproof.

(5) The walls shall be completely free of objects.

(6) A mattress shall be available, if needed. If a mattress is used, the mattress shall be clean and in good repair.

(b) No more than one resident shall be placed in a room used for seclusion at the same time.

(c) Before any resident is admitted to a room used for seclusion, all items that could be used to injure oneself or others shall be removed from the resident.

(d) Each resident shall be permitted to wear clothing necessary to maintain modesty and comfort at all times. Paper clothing may be substituted if a resident uses clothing for self-harm. Sheets, towels, blankets, and similar items shall not be substituted for clothing.

(e) Each resident shall receive all meals and snacks normally served and shall be allowed time to exercise and perform necessary bodily functions.

(f) Each resident shall have ready access to drinking water and bathroom facilities upon request.

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