

**WAC 246-335-734 General requirements.** A hospice care center applicant or licensee must meet the following general design elements for patient and family care and support areas as described in this chapter.

- (1) Design of the hospice care center must take into account:
  - (a) The number of patient rooms planned which must not include more than twenty patient beds;
  - (b) The requirements for patient rooms as specified in WAC 246-335-756; and
  - (c) The family, personnel and public area requirements for space, which may include multiuse areas, as specified in WAC 246-335-760.
- (2) A hospice care center may either be freestanding or a separate portion of another building.
- (3) The hospice care center must have a separate external entrance, clearly identifiable to the public.
- (4) If patient rooms are located above grade level, the hospice care center must have at least one elevator or lift designed for patient transport by gurney or equivalent.
- (5) Doors must be designed with:
  - (a) Provisions for personnel, contractors, and volunteers to gain immediate emergency access to patient occupied rooms or areas;
  - (b) The ability to swing outward from patient toilet and bathing rooms or equipped with double acting or rescue door hardware; and
  - (c) Vision panels in all pairs of opposite swinging doors.
- (6) Stairways must be designed with slip-resistant floor surfaces and ramps with slip-resistant or carpeted floor surfaces are required.
- (7) Design and construction must address the prevention of entrance and infestation by pests.
- (8) Interior finishes must be suitable to the function of an area including:
  - (a) Floors must be finished with:
    - (i) Easily cleanable or maintainable surfaces;
    - (ii) Slip-resistant surfaces at entrances and other areas;
    - (iii) Edges covered and top set base with toe at all wall junctures;
  - (b) Carpets are not permitted in toilets, bathrooms, kitchens, utility rooms, janitor closets, and other areas where flooding or infection control is an issue;
  - (c) Ceiling finishes must be easily cleanable or maintainable;
  - (d) Walls must be:
    - (i) Protected from impact in high traffic areas;
    - (ii) Finished with easily cleanable surfaces; and
    - (iii) Finished with water-resistant paint, glaze, or similar water-resistant finish extending above the splash line in all rooms or areas subject to splash or spray.
- (9) The design must include space and adequate storage for facility drawings, records, and operation manuals.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.127.120 and 43.70.250. WSR 18-06-093, § 246-335-734, filed 3/6/18, effective 4/6/18.]