

**WAC 246-335-756 Patient rooms.** (1) A hospice care center applicant or licensee must locate patient rooms to exclude through traffic and minimize the penetration of objectionable odors and noise from other areas of the center.

(2) Hospice care centers must ensure each patient room is:

(a) Directly accessible from a corridor; and

(b) A minimum of one hundred square feet for private rooms and one hundred sixty square feet for rooms allowing a roommate.

(3) All operable windows or openings that serve for ventilation must be provided with screening.

(4) Patient room must be located above grade level.

(5) Patient beds must be placed so they do not interfere with entrance, exit or traffic flow within the room.

(6) Patient rooms must be safe, private, clean and comfortable, allowing the patient to use personal belongings to the extent possible and include:

(a) Seating for several family members, with provision for at least one sleeping accommodation in patient rooms;

(b) A window with a view of landscaping to the exterior;

(c) A telephone readily available for the patient and family to make and receive confidential calls; and

(d) A space suitable for hanging full-length garments and secure storage of personal belongings within the patient room.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.127.120 and 43.70.250. WSR 18-06-093, § 246-335-756, filed 3/6/18, effective 4/6/18.]