

Adult Care Home Program - Rule Interpretation Guide

Rule Number	Rule Language	Question or Clarification Requested	Rule Clarification
023-100-225	Operators shall store soiled linens and clothing in closed containers kept separate from bedrooms, the kitchen, and dining, food preparation, and food and medication storage areas. Clothing and bed linens soiled by human waste shall be placed in closed containers, emptied daily, and promptly laundered. Soiled paper products used for cleaning incontinent residents shall be immediately disposed of in waterproof bags or containers.	The rule says these containers should be kept separate from bedrooms. Many residents, and people in general, keep a laundry basket in their bedroom to collect clothes prior to laundering.	The intent of the rule is that laundry soiled by human waste is not stored in bedroom but promptly removed and laundered. Laundry not soiled by human waste may be stored in a closed laundry container in a resident's room until laundered.
023-040-640(a)(2) For additional clarification, also see 023-070-145, 023-040-515(h)	A statement on the ACHP form completed by a physician, a physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner every two years regarding the applicant's physical and mental ability to provide care. This may be required sooner if there is reasonable cause for health concerns. [See MCAR 023-070-100]	Can a chiropractor or naturopath provide physician statement for operators or resident managers?	A Physican is defined in 023-020-100(80), Physician is a person who has been licensed to practice medicine by the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners, under authority of ORS Chapter 677. Therefore Chiropractors and Naturopaths may not complete the physican statement.

O23-100-840 For additional clarification, also see 023-100-465, 023-100-140, and Appendix L of Oregon Fire Code 104-1.	All common use areas of the adult care home and exit-ways must be barrier-free, and corridors and hallways shall be a minimum of 36 inches wide or as approved by the authority having jurisdiction. Any bedroom window identified as an exit shall be free of any obstacles, at least the width of the window that would interfere with it being an exit.	Can the resident choose to have a furiture in fron of egress window such as bed or nightstand?.	The intent of this rule to create a clear and continuous pathway without any obstacles that may impede or delay emergency egress for individuals with care needs. Therefore nothing can be placed in front of, below or above the width of the egress window opening.
023-070-415 and 023-010-100 (71)	A Subject Individual is any person in an adult care home who is 16 years of age or older, including: (c) Occupants, excluding residents, residing in or on the premises of the proposed or currently licensed adult care home Occupant is defined in MCAR as "anyone residing in or using the facilities of the adult care home including all residents, Operators, Resident Managers, caregivers, friends, family members, day care persons, and boarders."	Any one who comes inside an ACH must have an approved background check, except residents, resident's visitors, contractors hired by a resident, a potential caregiver coming for an initial job interview who will not be left alone with residents, and first-time visitors of any ACH provider who can be contained in a separate area away from the residents. Providers' first-time visitors must be out of sight and hearing range of the residents at all times. ACH Providers may not have visitors who spend the night without a background check, even if there is a separate area away from residents. Anyone else found to have been in the adult care home outside of the above exception without an approved BCR is subject to a mandatory \$250.00 fine.	The purpose of the rules are to ensure that individuals who frequent adult care homes and may establish relationship with resident should be subject to background checks.