

481—61.10 (135C) Elevator requirements. (All provisions in this rule are subject to Exception 2.) All facilities where either resident beds or other facilities for residents are not located on the first floor shall have electric or electrohydraulic elevators as specified in this rule. Facilities for residents include, but are not limited to, diagnostic, recreation, resident dining or therapy rooms. The first floor is the floor first reached from the main front entrance. Elevators shall comply with division of labor services regulations as promulgated under Iowa Code chapter 89A and 347—Chapters 71 to 78. (III)

61.10(1) At least one elevator which complies with subrule 61.10(5), paragraph “b,” shall be installed where 1 to 59 resident beds are located on any floor other than the first, or where any facilities for residents are located on a floor other than the first. (III)

61.10(2) At least two elevators, one of which complies with subrule 61.10(5), paragraph “b,” shall be installed where 60 to 200 resident beds are located on a floor other than the first, or where any facilities for residents are located on a floor other than the first. (III)

61.10(3) At least three elevators, one of which complies with subrule 61.10(5), paragraph “b,” shall be installed where 201 to 350 resident beds are located on a floor other than the first, or where any facilities for residents are located on a floor other than the first. (III)

61.10(4) For facilities with more than 350 beds, the number of elevators shall be determined from a study of the facility plan and the estimated vertical transportation requirements. (III)

61.10(5) The following rules apply to cars and platforms:

a. Elevator cars and platforms shall be constructed of noncombustible material, except that fire-retardant-treated material may be used if all exterior surfaces of the car are covered with metal; (II, III)

b. Elevators used to transport a resident in a bed shall have inside dimensions that will accommodate the resident’s bed and attendants. The dimensions shall be at least 5 feet wide by 7 feet 6 inches deep. Car doors shall have a clear opening of at least 3 feet 8 inches. (II, III)