

481—60.13(135C) Specialized unit or facility for persons with chronic confusion or a dementing illness (memory care unit or facility). A memory care unit or facility shall be designed in accordance with the standards set forth in 661—Chapter 201. The following provisions shall also apply (III):

60.13(1) A memory unit or facility shall be designed so that residents, staff, and visitors will not pass through the unit in order to reach exits or other areas of the facility unless in an emergency.

60.13(2) If the unit or facility is to be a locked unit or facility, all locking devices shall meet the requirements of the state fire marshal. If the unit or facility is to be unlocked, a system of security monitoring is required.

60.13(3) The outdoor activity area for the unit or facility shall be secure. Nontoxic plants shall be used in the secured outdoor activity area.

60.13(4) There shall be no steps inside the memory care unit or facility.

60.13(5) Dining and activity areas for the unit or facility shall be located within the unit or facility and shall not be used as the primary dining or activity area by other facility residents.

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