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Applicability: DDSN Owned Facilities

Purpose

This directive establishes policies relative to the proper maintenance of South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) owned facilities, including minor modifications and renovations.

Definition

For the purpose of this directive, maintenance is defined as including minor renovations such as installation of handicapped accessible devices, wall relocation, repair, and preventive maintenance, which are the responsibility of the DDSN Regional Center. Renovation work shall not be commenced until approved by Engineering and Planning.

Responsibility

Except as provided for community residential facilities under management contract with DDSN, this directive covers maintenance of all physical plant facilities owned by DDSN.

Maintenance of structural, mechanical, electrical, and life safety components of buildings, on a repair or scheduled basis, to maintain a safe, comfortable and livable environment shall be the

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responsibility of the DDSN Regional Center, in accordance with Agency Procurement Manual and State Guidelines.

Minor renovations or modifications/upgrades cited as deficiencies shall be the responsibility of the DDSN Regional Center and shall be scheduled to be done from the DDSN Regional Center operating budget or as a preventive maintenance or accessibility project if approved.

Major renovation and upgrade of facilities shall be requested through the permanent improvement project process.

Procedures

Except as provided for community residences under management contract, all general maintenance work, including maintenance of mechanical, electrical and fire alarm systems and fixed equipment, shall be done by the sub-District/Regional Center maintenance staff. Maintenance may be done by outside contracts under one or more of the following conditions:

- A. The facility requiring maintenance is located more than 20 miles of travel from the DDSN Regional Center.
- B. The urgency of the maintenance is such that it is a life safety hazard to the consumers, and the sub-District/Regional Center staff cannot complete the work in an acceptable timely manner.
- C. Major work requiring funding through a permanent improvement project.
- D. The type work is performed so infrequently that it is impractical to maintain an adequate staff including:
 - (1) Major roof replacement or repair.
 - (2) Vinyl wall covering, tile and carpet installation.
 - (3) Asphalt and concrete paving work.
 - (4) Elevator service and repair.
 - (5) Servicing of major food preparation/service and laundry equipment.
- E. Life safety systems such as fire alarm and fire sprinkler that require a licensed technician to perform service.

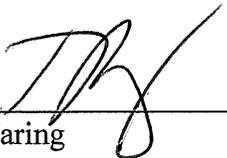
All contracted maintenance work shall be procured in accordance with the department procurement manual and the state consolidated procurement code.

Each DDSN Regional Center shall budget for and carry out a planned preventive maintenance program to maintain the physical plant in good repair. Preventive maintenance done with DDSN Regional Center maintenance staff or contractually, within the DDSN Regional Center procurement limit, shall be the responsibility of the District or as approved for a preventive maintenance project.

Maintenance Staff

DDSN Regional Centers shall have properly qualified and licensed personnel in the areas of plumbing, electrical and HVAC to maintain the technically sophisticated systems.

The engineering and planning division shall provide technical assistance to the DDSN Regional Center maintenance staff to trouble shoot problems, to insure compliance with building codes and regulations and for procurement of construction services.



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