

# Summary of Modifications/Changes in this Update

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**DATE OF THIS VERSION:**

November 1, 2022

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

VA Barrier Free Design Standard, PG-18-13

**DATE OF VERSION BEING SUPERSEDED (old):**

September 1, 2022

**DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT (previous title, number, other identifying data):**

VA Barrier Free Design Standard, PG-18-13

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:**

1. This change is a Revision to the January 1, 2017 document.
2. Under the "Accessible Route" section, Revised the "Slope, maximum (including parking spaces)" required percentages.

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VA Barrier Free Design Standard, PG-18-13

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:**

1. This change is a Revision to the January 1, 2017 document.
2. Changed the "Water Closet" heading to "Water Closet Inpatient Nursing Units"

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VA Barrier Free Design Standard, PG-18-13

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:**

1. This change is a Revision to the January 1, 2017 document.
2. Updated names of Departments based upon recent Standards Updates revisions.
3. Changed SCI/D acronym to “Spinal Cord Injury/Disorder” throughout the document.

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**DATE OF THIS REVISION:**

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**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

VA Barrier Free Design Standard

**DATE OF REVISION BEING SUPERSEDED (old):**

June 1, 2018

**DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT (previous title, number, other identifying data):**

VA Barrier Free Design Standard

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:**

1. This change is a Revision to the January 1, 2017 document
2. The VA Barrier Free Design Standard is being revised for the following issues:
  - A. To clarify that this Standard applies to all VA Facilities.
  - B. To clarify that the 4'-0" wide door requirement is for Mental Health and Domiciliary/Supportive Housing also.

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**DATE OF THIS REVISION:**

June 1, 2018

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

VA Barrier Free Design Standard

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November 1, 2017

**DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT (previous title, number, other identifying data):**

VA Barrier Free Design Standard

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:**

1. This change is a Revision to the January 1, 2017 document
2. The VA Barrier Free Design Standard is being revised for the following issues:
  - A. Under the Accessible Route Section delete the following line item including VA and ABAAS requirements and Notes (including Note 6 at the back of the document):  
“Minimum size of level platforms at doors”

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VA Barrier Free Design Standard

## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:**

1. This change is a revision to Jan 1 2017 version.
2. The VA Barrier Free Design Standard is being revised for the following issues:
  - A. Clarification as to which patient care delivery areas require a 4'-0" wide entrance door for patient rooms and patient room toilets.
  - B. Clarify the 100% inpatient room accessibility requirement for renovation projects and projects at existing facilities where space is at a premium.

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## DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT (previous title, number, other identifying data):

VA Barrier Free Design Standard

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:

1. This change is a minor revision to the last version.
2. The VA Barrier Free Design Standard is being revised for the following issues:
  - A. Revised formatting
  - B. To increase the minimum corridor width in Patient Care Areas to 6'-0" so 2 wheelchairs can pass.
  - C. To increase the wheelchair turning radius from 5'-0" to 5'-6" for greater accessibility for all areas with the exception of Bariatric Rooms where the wheelchair turning radius will increase from 5'-0" to 6'-0".
  - D. To increase all Patient Care Delivery Area door widths for patient rooms and toilet rooms to 4'-0" for greater accessibility.
  - E. To clarify that double swing-up bars are required for all patient toilets/shower rooms in patient and patient care delivery areas. This includes Long-Term Care, CLC, Small House, **all Clinical areas and Rehabilitation functions.** 
  - F. General edits for improved document wording.

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VA Barrier Free Design Standard

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:**

1. This change is a Version change.
2. The VA Barrier Free Design Standard is being revised due to errors in ramp slope and elevator cab size. Clarification is being made for SCI/D parking requirements, general handicapped parking requirements, auditorium handicapped seating requirements, and Hospital Outpatient Facilities parking requirements. A new cover design has also been added.