

# Summary of Modifications/Changes in this Update

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## **DATE OF THIS VERSION:**

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## **TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

VA Barrier Free Design Standard

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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.