

## GLOSSARY

COMMON HEALTHCARE ACRONYMS AND TERMS	
<b>AI</b>	Airborne Infection Isolation room
<b>ADL</b>	Activities of Daily Living
<b>AHJ</b>	Authority Having Jurisdiction
<b>ALF</b>	Assisted Living Facility
<b>Bariatric</b>	Relating to or specializing in the treatment of obesity; also known as “persons of size”
<b>Behavioral Health</b>	The scientific study of the emotions, behaviors and biology relating to a person’s mental well-being, their ability to function in everyday life
<b>CCRC</b>	Continuing Care Retirement Community
<b>CRI</b>	Color Rendering Index
<b>DCF</b>	Durable Coated Fabric: a non-porous coated upholstery fabric commonly provided as polyurethane, silicone, thermoplastic elastomer and/or vinyl
<b>DCOF</b>	Dynamic Coefficient of Friction
<b>Dialysis</b>	An invasive treatment that diverts and filters the blood of a patient whose kidneys are not able to perform this function, it requires the patient to be immobilized and connected to a dialysis machine
<b>Durable Coated Fabric</b>	Non-porous coated fabric, commonly known as polyurethane, silicone or vinyl
<b>EMR</b>	Electronic medical records
<b>Fabric</b>	All upholstery fabrics are generically referred to as “fabric”, regardless of their material composition
<b>FF&amp;E</b>	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment
<b>HEPA</b>	High Efficiency Particulate Air
<b>HVAC</b>	Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning
<b>ICRA</b>	Infection Control Risk Assessment
<b>ICU</b>	Intensive Care Unit
<b>IEQ</b>	Indoor Environmental Quality
<b>Infusion</b>	The process of receiving medicines through intravenous lines
<b>LDR</b>	Labor-Delivery-Recovery
<b>LDRP</b>	Labor-Delivery-Recovery-Postpartum
<b>Memo Tag</b>	Fabric memo samples are typically provided with an attached manufacturer’s product label containing information about material composition, properties, and testing. While manufacturers and suppliers call this a “Sample Ticket”, these terms are used interchangeably
<b>MOB</b>	Medical Office Building
<b>MRI</b>	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
<b>NICU</b>	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

<b>NRC</b>	Noise Reduction Coefficient, a term used to evaluate the ability of a material to either reflect or absorb sound, rating typically noted as 0.00 to 1.00. A material that reflects all sound would rate 0.00, while a material that absorbs all sound would rate 1.00
<b>Restricted Area</b>	An area which requires specific clothing and preparation
<b>SNF</b>	Skilled Nursing Facility
<b>STC</b>	Sound Transmission Class, the measurement used to calculate effectiveness of soundproofing materials in reducing sound transmission between rooms, it is measured roughly by the decibel (dB) reduction in noise a material or partition can provide
<b>Woven Textile Fabric</b>	Formed by weaving or interlacing two or more threads at right angles to one another, often created on a loom

## ORGANIZATIONS, AGENCIES, GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

<b>ACA</b>	Affordable Care Act
<b>ADA</b>	American with Disabilities Act
<b>ADAAG</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines
<b>ANSI</b>	American National Standards Institute
<b>ASTM</b>	American Society for Testing of Materials
<b>CDC</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<b>CHD</b>	The Center for Health Design
<b>CMS</b>	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
<b>DOH</b>	Department of Health
<b>FGI</b>	Facilities Guidelines Institute publishes the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities
<b>HCAHPS</b>	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
<b>HIPAA</b>	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
<b>IBC</b>	International Building Code
<b>IES</b>	Illuminating Engineering Society
<b>JCAHO</b>	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
<b>LEED</b>	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
<b>NIOSH</b>	The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
<b>NFPA</b>	National Fire Protection Agency
<b>NSF</b>	National Sanitation Foundation
<b>OSHA</b>	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
<b>Planetree</b>	Planetree.org
<b>The Greenhouse Project</b>	An American national non-profit organization dedicated to creating caring homes for meaningful lives for elders, where residents have private rooms and bathrooms and can move freely through the home. It is based on the philosophy seeking to reverse enforced dependency by creating intentional communities of 7-10 elders, designed to foster late-life development and growth.

## PLANNING CONCEPTS

**Environment of Care:** any site where patients are treated, whose objective is to provide a safe, functional, and effective environment for patients, staff members, and others

**Evidence-based design:** the process of basing decisions about the built environment on credible research to achieve the best possible outcomes

**Household model/Small house model:** long-term care homes adopt a person-centered approach that shapes the physical environment, organizational structure, and interpersonal relationships to create a home-like atmosphere, while providing elders with clear opportunities to direct their own lives

**Patient-centered care:** respectful of, and responsive to, individual patient preferences, needs and values, ensuring that patient values guide all clinical decisions

**Wayfinding concepts:** information systems which guide people through a high stress physical environment, enhancing their understanding and spatial experience, while contributing to a sense of well-being, safety, and security