

# Summary of Modifications/Changes in this Update

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## **DATE OF THIS VERSION:**

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## **TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

Design Guide for Inpatient Mental Health & Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program  
Facilities

## **DATE OF VERSION BEING SUPERSEDED (old):**

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

Mental Health Facilities Design Guide

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

1. Updated Safety requirements
2. Focus on patient-centered strategies that utilizes unit design as healing environment
3. New room templates
4. New Inpatient Mental health unit layouts
5. New RRTP layouts
6. Updated adjacencies based on new operational models for Inpatient Mental Health and RRTP
7. Updated specification and material recommendations
8. Design recommendations for special populations
9. Proposals for new construction vs. renovation projects
10. Research and evidence-based approach to recommend design strategies