

# Summary of Modifications/Changes in this Update

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**DATE OF THIS REVISION:**

February 1, 2024

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

VA Barrier Free Design Standard

**DATE OF REVISION BEING SUPERSEDED (old):**

October 1, 2023

**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 to clarify patient room door minimum sizes, adding bariatric shower stall minimum size requirements, adding minimum door opening size for building entry and exit doors and department entry doors, and clarification on fold-down grab bars minimum dimensions to the sidewall for regular and bariatric patients.

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**DATE OF THIS VERSION:**

October 1, 2023

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

VA Barrier Free Design Standard, PG-18-13

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November 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, added T-shaped turning space requirements for non-bariatric and bariatric individuals including Note 32 w/ diagrams.

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November 1, 2022

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September 1, 2022

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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. 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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November 1, 2018

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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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VA Barrier Free Design Standard

**DATE OF REVISION BEING SUPERSEDED (old):**

June 1, 2018

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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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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.