

HB 944 -- ATTENDANT CALL SYSTEMS

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This bill requires that all assisted living facilities and residential care facilities equip, in each toilet room and resident bedroom as well as the attendant's work area, an attendant call system that consists of an electrical intercommunication system, a wireless pager system, a buzzer system, or hand and analog bells.

For every call made by a resident using the system, the length of time that elapses between the call and the response to the call by the attendant must be recorded, and a log of such response times must be available to the Department of Health and Senior Services during any inspection.

The Department shall establish a standard for the maximum allowable length of time to elapse between a call made by a resident using the call system and the response to the call by the attendant. Any failure by a facility to meet this standard shall be considered a deficiency to be noted in the survey report.