

Figure: 26 TAC §511.169(g)

NURSES CALLING SYSTEM

LOCATION	NURSES REGULAR CALLING SYSTEM		EMERGENCY CALLING SYSTEM		STAFF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CALLING SYSTEM (Code Blue)	
	CALL	Annunciate	CALL <sup>4</sup>	Annunciate	CALL	Annunciate
Administration & Public Suite	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cart Cleaning & Sanitizing Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central Sterile Supply Suite	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dietary Suite	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency Suite	-	Note 1	X	Note 1	-	Note 2, 3
Triage, Trauma	-	-	-	-	X	-
Exam, Treatment	X <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	X	-
Holding and Observations Rooms/Area	X <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	X <sup>10</sup>	-
Multiple Purpose Room	-	-	-	-	X	-
Patient Decontamination/Shower	-	-	-	-	X	-
Employees Suite	-	-	-	-	-	-
Engineering Suite & Equipment Areas	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Stores	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	CALL	Annunciate	CALL <sup>4</sup>	Annunciate	CALL	Annunciate
Hyperbaric Suite	-	Note 1	X	Note 1	-	Note 2, 3
Holding Area	X <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Patient Dressing Room	-	-	X	-	-	-
Treatment	-	-	-	-	X	-
Imaging Suite	-	Note 1	X	Note 1	-	Note 2, 3
Holding, Prep, Recovery	X <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Patient Dressing Room	-	-	X	-	-	-
Imaging Procedure Room	-	-	-	-	X <sup>5</sup>	-
Laboratory Suite	-	-	-	-	-	-
Specimen Collection Room (remote location only)	-	-	X	Note 8 Note 1	-	-
Laundry Suite	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical Records Suite	-	-	-	-	-	-
Patient care room holding mental health patient	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morgue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuclear Medicine Suite	-	Note 1	X	Note 1	-	Note 2, 3
Holding, Observation, Exam	X <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Patient Dressing Room, Dose Administration		-	X	-	-	-
Nuclear Medicine Procedure Room, Exam	-	-	-	-	X	-
Central Bathing Unit	-	Note 1	X	Note 1	X	Note 2, 3
Pharmacy Suite	-	-	-	-	-	-
Radiotherapy Suite	-	Note 1	-	Note 1	-	Note 2, 3

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	CALL	Annunciate	CALL <sup>4</sup>	Annunciate	CALL	Annunciate
Holding	X <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Patient Dressing Room	-	-	X	-	-	-
Exam, Treatment	-	-	-	-	X	-
Rehabilitation Therapy Suite	-	-	X	Note 1	-	Note 2, 3
Exam, Treatment	-	-	-	-	X	-
Hydrotherapy Tub	-	-	X	-	X	-
Patient Dressing Room	-	-	X	-	-	-
Renal Dialysis Suite (Acute & Chronic)	-	Note 1	X	Note 1	-	Note 2, 3
Treatment	X <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	X	-
Respiratory Therapy Suite	-	-	X	Note 1	-	-
Special Procedure Suite	-	Note 1	X	Note 1	-	Note 2, 3
Preoperative, Holding Area	X <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Recovery	X <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	X <sup>10</sup>	-
Special Procedure, Treatment Room, Bronchoscopy, Cardiac Catheterization Lab	-	-	-	-	X	-
Surgical Suite	-	Note 1	X	Note 1	-	Note 2, 3
Preoperative	X <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
PACU, Recovery, Holding Area	X <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	X <sup>10</sup>	-
Operating, Special Procedure Room	-	-	-	-	X	-
Mobile Units - see specific requirements for type of suite provided	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes to Nurses Calling Systems Table:	
1	Nurse Station, Clean Work Room, Soiled Work Room, Medication Room, Charting Room, Clean Linen Storage, Nourishment Room, Equipment Storage
2	Nurse Station, Clean Work Room, Soiled Work Room, Medication Room, Charting Room, Clean Linen Storage, Nourishment Room, Equipment Storage, Exam and Treatment Rooms
3	The system shall have voice communication capabilities between the point of alarm and the nurse station so that the type of emergency or help required may be specified.
4	All toilets, showers, baths, and dressing rooms used by all patients
5	Device(s) for MRI to be in adjacent Control Room
6	In areas under constant visual surveillance, the nurses regular calling system may be limited to a bedside call button or station that activates a signal readily seen at the control station.
7	System is not required. When provided, refer to §511.163(n)(5)(A) for requirements.
8	Call to annunciate in the nearest unit or suite
9	Each patient bed shall be provided with a bedside call button. Consideration should be given to the age of the patient(s) so that voice communication is available as needed.
10	One code blue station may be shared between two gurneys in a multi-occupancy patient care room.