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Interpretive Bulletins are released by the Health Facilities Engineering Section to clarify sections of the 1998 Michigan Design Standards for Health Care Facilities in Michigan and when research, experience, or technology illustrates present regulations do not adequately address the specific instances or circumstances in the health care environment.

Examination and treatment room(s) shall be designed consistent with the requirements of Section 2.1.H5., except that the room may have additional space and provisions for several patient with cubicle curtains for privacy. Multiple-bed treatment rooms shall provide a minimum of 80 square feet per patient cubicle.

This is interpreted to mean that **the specified cubicle clear floor area is to be exclusive of circulation floor area and shared service areas** because the functions relating to circulation and shared support services within the room should not:

1. Impact the patient care related functions within the cubicle space;
2. Require violating a patient's visual privacy.

The requirement of this section is also to be interpreted, consistent with section 2.1.C, so as to require a minimum clearance of 4 feet on either side and at the foot of each stretcher. (See exception for chair stations, Interpretive Bulletin 03-2003).