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<b>Interpretive Bulletin: #01-2006</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Rule Reference</b>
Individual Room Heating & Cooling Units (Package Terminal Air Conditioner Unit (PTAC), Fan Coil Units, Heat Pumps, Etc.)	1998 Minimum Design Standards for Health Care Facilities in Michigan Sections 7.31.D25 & 8.31.D8
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The 1998 Minimum Design Standards require “individual room units that are used for heating and cooling purposes (PTACU’s, Fan Coil Units, Heat Pump Units, Etc.) to be equipped with filters with a minimum efficiency of 25 percent based ASHRAE 52.1-92 atmospheric dust spot efficiency.” The standard has been modified to eliminate the minimum filter efficiency requirement under the following conditions:

1. The individual room heating/cooling unit must be equipped with a manufacturer recommended filter.
2. The individual unit may be used for recirculation only and may only serve a single room.
3. All outdoor air requirements for the room shall be met by a separate central air handling system with the proper filtration, as noted in either Table 3 or Table 7.