

PURPOSE

To assure consistency regarding the use and possession of tobacco products, including electronic nicotine delivery systems, in the State of Michigan hospitals.

DEFINITIONS**Campus**

A hospital's physical plant and the areas that include, but may not be limited to, the facility's parking lots, non-contiguous hospital-affiliated structures, and property owned, operated, and maintained by the State of Michigan.

Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems

Also referred to as e-cigarettes, these are products that allow a user to inhale aerosol containing nicotine and other substances. Unlike conventional cigarettes these devices are typically composed of a rechargeable, battery-operated heating element, a cartridge, or pod, that may contain nicotine or other chemicals, and an atomizer that, when heated, converts the contents of the cartridge, or pod, into an aerosol. This definition includes e-cigarettes, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, and components such as e-cigarette pods, e-cigarette juice and liquid.

Hospital

An inpatient program operated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for the treatment of individuals with serious mental or serious emotional disturbance.

Paraphernalia

Any equipment, apparatus or furnishing that is used in or necessary for the activity of tobacco use.

POLICY

The use of tobacco products including, electronic nicotine delivery systems, in hospitals and their affiliated campuses is prohibited.

Standards

- The use of tobacco products, including electronic nicotine delivery systems, paraphernalia, and components in hospitals and their affiliated campuses is prohibited.

- Tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems, paraphernalia and components possessed by hospital staff and visitors must remain secured in their vehicle.
- Hospital administration must post notice within the hospital and on their affiliated campus that indicates compliance of this policy. Staff and patients must be notified of the hospital's tobacco-free status prior to onboarding or admission, respectively. A hospital's admission packet must include a statement on the hospital's tobacco-free status.

REFERENCES

[Tobacco Products Tax Act, 1993 PA 327, MCL 205.422](#)

[Michigan Public Act 246 of 2008, Section 609](#)

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Work Rules

[MDHHS/Keeping Michigan Healthy/Chronic Diseases/Tobacco](#)

[Keeping Your Hospital Smoke-Free, Joint Commission for Accreditation](#)

[Public Act 188 of 2009, Michigan's Smoke-Free Air Law](#)

CONTACT

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