

1.14 **No-Smoking Policy**

POLICY:

The purpose of this policy is to execute the legislative mandate prohibiting the allocation of administrative funds to any clinic providing WIC services if that clinic allows smoking within the space used to perform WIC Program functions.

PROCEDURE:

A. Public Law 103-111

It is stipulated by Public Law 103-111 that each Local Agency WIC clinic must have an announced public policy opposing smoking in any area where WIC Program functions are performed in order to be eligible to receive WIC administrative funds.

B. Mixed Message to WIC Applicants/Participants

Allowing smoking in places where programs intended to improve the health and well-being of low-income individuals are administered, sends a mixed and inappropriate message.

C. Announced Public Policy

An announced public policy against smoking must be placed in each Local Agency WIC clinic in an area that is visible to the public.

D. Prohibition Only During WIC Program Operation

1. The prohibition against smoking applies only during the times that the WIC Program is actually operating at the WIC clinic.
2. Satellite operations, such as church basements or community health centers where WIC services may only be offered once or twice a week, would only announce and implement the no-smoking policy for the time periods when the WIC Program is operating at the site.

E. Compliance with the No-Smoking Policy

1. Compliance with the requirement to prohibit smoking in an area providing WIC services will be monitored during the State Agency Program Review and Local Agency Internal Review.
2. A failure of the Local Agency to post an announced public policy against smoking will result in the ineligibility of the Local Agency to receive administrative funds.

REFERENCES:

1. SFP 94-52, Mandatory No-Smoking Policy in Local Agencies