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TITLE:  Tobacco and Smoking Policy	SUPERSEDED NO:           Dated: P-2.029      10/01/2008
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I. PURPOSE

To promote the health, well-being, and safety of patients, visitors, and employees by providing a tobacco free environment at Denver Health (DH).

II. POLICY

Smoking and the use of marijuana, e-cigarettes or any tobacco or nicotine product is prohibited while on any premises owned, operated, leased, or maintained by DH and is in accordance with the City and County of Denver Ordinance No. 436.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. *Tobacco / nicotine*: Refers to any tobacco/nicotine and marijuana product including, but not limited to: cigarettes, electronic vaporizing devices (e-cigarettes with or without nicotine, e-hookahs, marijuana vapor pens, etc.), smokeless cigarettes, dissolvable tobacco products, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, and pipes.

B. *Marijuana*: Refers to all forms (flower, concentrate, extract, edible, etc.) of medical and retail.

C. *DH hospital property*: All premises owned, operated, leased, or maintained by DH. This includes buildings, grounds, vehicles, parking lots/structures, ramps, sidewalks, and other public right-of-ways within and around DH property boundaries.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

1. DH staff may courteously inform a patient, visitor and other staff of the no smoking policy.
2. This policy applies to all individuals working, visiting, or receiving medical care within the boundaries of DH hospital property and includes vendors and contractors.
3. Failure of DH staff to comply with the requirements and restrictions defined in this policy can result in corrective action up to, and including, termination.

V. METHODOLOGY

A. Smoking and the use of marijuana, e-cigarettes or any products is **prohibited** while on any DH hospital property. This policy also prohibits the use of tobacco products in vehicles owned by DH and any personal vehicles parked on DH property. This policy supports DH – Human Resources Principles & Practices “Tobacco Free Environment”.

- B. Patients will be informed of the tobacco and smoking policy during the admission and/or pre-admission process. Patient information, such as Patient Handbook, pre-admission materials, etc., will include a notice regarding DH's tobacco free policy.
- C. Education regarding smoking cessation, including literature and referral sources will be made available to all patients and their families.
- D. At the discretion of a patient's physician, patients who are tobacco users will be able to request from their physician either appropriate pharmacological or non-pharmacological nicotine replacement therapy.

**VI. REFERENCES**

- A. City and County of Denver Ordinance No. 436
- B. Denver Health Policies & Procedures:
  - 1. [P-1.006 Safeguarding Patient Valuables and Belongings](#)
  - 2. [P-1.512 Patient Rights and Responsibilities](#)
- C. Human Resources Principles & Practices:  
[Tobacco-Free Environment, 4-121](#)