

<p style="text-align: center;">Texas WIC Health and Human Services Commission</p>

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No Smoking Policy in Local Agency Facilities

Purpose

To avoid the hazardous effects of smoking and second-hand smoke and to promote health and well-being by prohibiting smoking in any site providing WIC services.

Authority

Public Law 103-111

Policy

Smoking shall not be allowed in any local agency (LA) clinic area or administrative office area where program functions are performed.

Procedures

- I. All WIC clinics and administrative offices shall post "No Smoking" signs as appropriate.
- II. All clinics which are operated as satellite operations, where WIC services may only be operated once per week or monthly, shall post "No Smoking" signs on the days when the WIC Program is operating at these sites, if there is no existing ban on smoking in place already. This includes, but is not limited to, such sites as churches, schools, or community health centers.
- III. WIC staff shall not smoke outdoors at the public entrances to buildings where the clients enter for services.
- IV. WIC employees, while in the performance of their official duties, shall not smoke.