



**Iowa Department of Public Health**  
**Promoting and Protecting the Health of Iowans**

***Policy guidelines for use with Prohibiting the Sale of Tobacco and Unregulated Nicotine Delivery Products by Health Care Institutions***

**Fact and Purpose:**

The [institution] finds that:

- a) Tobacco use is one of the leading causes of death and disease in the United States; and
- b) Unregulated electronic smoking devices, such as an electronic cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen or e-hookah, present a public health hazard and may lead minors to early initiation to, and dependence on, nicotine products, resulting in use of conventional tobacco products in the future;
- c) Tobacco and nicotine delivery products are currently sold in many health care institutions such as pharmacies and drug stores;
- d) The sale of tobacco and electronic smoking devices is incompatible with the mission of health care institutions because it is detrimental to public health.

**Policy:**

The [institution], in recognition of the harmful effects of tobacco and nicotine use, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipes, snus, Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD) and nicotine products that are not Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved for tobacco cessation, etc., prohibits the sale of tobacco and electronic smoking devices to both adults and minors.

**Effective Date:**

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

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Appropriate Official

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Date

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