

## Avera St. Benedict Health Center

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### PURPOSE:

Avera St. Benedict Health Center's goal is to promote safety and comfort for the patients and residents of this facility.

### POLICY:

Avera St. Benedict Health Center has instituted a Tobacco Free policy effective April 15, 2005. No Tobacco product will be allowed on the grounds of Avera St. Benedict Health Center. The grounds have been marked with "Tobacco Free Zone" signs.

### AUTHORITY:

According to SDCL 22-36-2: Effective July 1, 2002. No person may smoke tobacco or carry any lighted tobacco product in any public place or place of employment. The new law no longer allows designated smoking areas in any public place or place of employment.

- A. A public place is any enclosed indoor area to which the public is invited or to which the public is permitted, including any hospital or medical or dental clinic; any nursing facility or daycare...
- B. An enclosed indoor area is any area under the control of private or public employer, including work areas, employee lounges and restrooms, conference rooms, cafeterias and hallways.
- C. A resident's room must be considered part of the nursing facility and not a private residence.
- D. Violation of the smoking policy is a petty offense.

### PROCEDURE:

1. Tobacco products are not permitted inside the appropriately marked area. This area includes the hospital, nursing home, clinic, daycare and wellness center and outreach clinics.
2. All healthcare employees and visitors shall abide by the policy and will not use tobacco products inside the designated area.
3. Tobacco products will not be allowed in patient or resident rooms or on the premises.
4. The medical staff will assist all patients, residents and family members with Tobacco Cessation products, should they be so inclined.
5. Employees are expected to enforce the new Tobacco Free Zone Policy. Should an employee encounter difficulties, they should contact Administration for assistance.