

## **Stephens Memorial Hospital Tobacco-Free Policy**

**Purpose:**

It is the policy of Stephens Memorial Hospital to prevent disease and promote health and healing. As a health care organization dedicated to delivering high quality healthcare, and consistent with our mission of caring for our community, SMH is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all patients, visitors, staff and our surrounding communities.

**Policy:**

Tobacco use, smoking, and environmental tobacco smoke pose serious health and safety risks that undermine medical treatment, therefore all SMH facilities and grounds are tobacco free.

Tobacco products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) otherwise known as electronic cigarettes.

This policy applies to:

- Patients, visitors, employees, volunteers, contracted workers, vendors, students, other guests and medical staff.
- **All** WMH owned or leased properties including associated parking lots.

Tobacco-free signage will be posted in appropriate places around the campus.

The success of this policy will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers. Everyone shares in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing the policy. Any problems should be brought to the attention of the appropriate supervisor/manager and handled through the normal chain of command.

SMH offers education, support and resources to our patients, guests and employees in order to assist them in complying with this policy and in living a healthy, tobacco free lifestyle.

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(Prior Review/Revision dates are kept on file for three years).

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