

Working on Wellness

Tobacco Award Criteria

Work Tobacco-Free

The Merit Award

1. Written Policy meets the **Workplace Smoking Act of 1985** - Use of cigarettes, pipes, cigars is prohibited except in designated areas that are separately vented and also prohibited in employer vehicles; and
2. Promote tobacco-free lifestyles by providing employees with self-help materials or referral information on quitting tobacco use; and
3. Signs are posted that state the tobacco policy

The Quality Award

1. Meets Merit Award; and
2. Written policy provides for a tobacco-free building and no tobacco use within 25 feet of all entrances, air intake and walkways. Tobacco use includes any tobacco product - including cigarettes, pipes, cigars, chew, snuff, and spit; and
3. Written policy promotes adherence to the smoking in vehicles when minor under 16 years of age is present: "smoking is prohibited in a motor vehicle by the operator or a passenger when a person who has not attained 16 years of age is present in that motor vehicle, regardless of whether the motor vehicle's windows are open."
4. Written policy provides some level of coverage on a one time basis for cessation services through Health Insurance coverage or employer reimbursement - i.e.: medications, cessation classes, etc.

The Excellence Award

1. Meets Quality Award; and
2. Written policy provides for a tobacco-free property; and
3. Written policy includes provisions for enforcement and communicating the policy to all employees on an annual basis; and
4. Written policy promotes adherence to the **Smoking Statute 1549**: "smoking is prohibited in a motor vehicle by the operator or a passenger when a person who has not attained 16 years of age is present in that motor vehicle, regardless of whether the motor vehicle's windows are open."
5. Written policy provides on-going full coverage for cessation services through Health Insurance coverage or employer reimbursement - i.e.: medications, cessation classes, etc.- either on or off-site.