

AK1000 - HEALTHIER VENDING IN INTERIOR HEALTH FACILITIES

1.0 PURPOSE

To provide guidance for aligning IH food and beverage vending with Interior Health's (IH) Mission to promote healthy lifestyles.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Facility:	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a facility owned or leased by IH, • a facility owned by IH and leased to non-IH tenants providing health-related services, and • a private facility funded in whole or part by Interior Health. <p>Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • when IH leases space in a privately-owned facility, any common areas used by IH and others (e.g. some lobbies).
Dispenser:	<p>All unmanned food and beverage dispensers, including:</p> <p>Vending machines, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honour boxes (e.g. container of food/beverages with coin box). <p>Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensers in residential facilities accessed by residents only, and • Dispensers in IH facilities leased to non-health-related services.
Vended Food and Beverages:	are all items in dispensers, including fundraising food and beverages (e.g. boxes of almonds left in coffee room to raise funds for any internal/external initiative).
Choose Most, Choose Sometimes, Choose Least, Not Recommended:	<p>Food and beverage items as defined in the BC Government's "Nutritional Guidelines for Vending Machines in B.C. Public Buildings (May 2007)" accessed at http://www.lcs.gov.bc.ca/HealthierChoices/pdf/Appendixiii.pdf</p>

3.0 POLICY

Vended food and beverages in Interior Health facilities will model healthier choices to our staff, visitors, and community at large.

Dispensers will stock:

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- At least 50% Choose Most items, and
- The remainder will be Choose Sometimes items.

No Choose Least and Not Recommended items will be stocked or advertised on or near dispensers.

IH facilities will report on their vending machine revenue annually.

All dispenser agreements will be formalized by a contract that adheres to this policy.

4.0 PROCEDURES

4.1 All Staff responsible for dispenser agreements

- contact Purchasing or the IH Healthy Food Committee for guidance before they enter into an agreement,
- formalize their dispenser agreement to comply with the policy,
- report their agreement to Purchasing, and
- report revenue from vending machine agreements to Purchasing annually.

4.2 Health Service Administrators

- ensure all dispenser agreements in their facilities are formalized and adhere to this policy, and
- work with facility managers, Auxiliary and Foundation contacts, and department heads as required to achieve this.

4.3 Facilities Management

- ensure that property agreements, for tenants providing health-related services in IH-owned facilities, state that vending will comply to this policy, and
- when IH leases space in a privately-owned facility shared with another tenant(s), facilities management will attempt to negotiate that vending in common areas will comply to this policy.

4.4 Purchasing

- provide contract templates and assistance to staff in formalizing dispenser agreements,
- keep a record of all dispenser agreements, and
- complete a basic report of vending machine revenue annually and submit to Finance.

5.0 REFERENCES

1. Nutritional Guidelines for Vending Machines in BC Public Buildings, May 2007 found at (<http://www.lcs.gov.bc.ca/HealthierChoices/> click on "[Appendix iii - Nutritional Guidelines](#)").

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