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|  <b>Saskatchewan Health Authority</b><br><br><b>WORK STANDARD</b> | <b>Title: Smudging within SHA facilities (Safe Work Permit)</b><br><br><b>Role performing Activity: All SHA Staff</b> |                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Location: SHA Facilities</b>                                                                                       | <b>Department/Unit: FNMHS</b>    |
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|                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Related Policies/Documentation</b>                                                                                 |                                  |

**Work Standard Summary:** To detail the process of supporting the traditional practice of smudging within SHA facilities with FNMHS & completing Safe Work Permit

| <b>Essential Tasks:</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 1.                      | <p>Patient/family requests accommodation for traditional ceremony (Smudge).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff has contacted or attempted to contact First Nations and Métis Health Services to assist with smudging. (During office hours)</li> <li>Patients/families are encouraged to use the Healing Centre when capable, though certain circumstances may prevent its use. If possible, arrangements should be made to move patient to private room to allow for privacy for patients or families.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2.                      | <p>Before smudging can take place, staff must complete a Safe Work Permit. Follow these steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fill out the highlighted sections on the Safe Work Permit.</li> <li>Once the form is completed, submit it to Protective Services.</li> <li>Protective Services will verify the form is properly filled out and arrange for the fire alarm to be disabled.</li> <li>Switchboard will deactivate the smoke detectors and confirm with Protective Services that they are turned off.</li> <li>Protective Services will inform the unit/health educator that smudging can proceed.</li> <li>The unit/health educator will call the Switchboard to confirm that the smoke detectors are turned off. (Double Confirmation)</li> <li>Once confirmation is received, smudging can be carried out.</li> </ul> <p>Staff must ensure that there is no running oxygen in room at the actual time smudging ceremony is occurring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Switchboard will give a time frame when it is safe to proceed.</li> <li>Staff will inform patient/family when it is safe to perform ceremony.</li> <li>Staff must ask patient/family to inform them when ceremony is complete.</li> </ul> |
| 4.                      | <p>Family informs staff when ceremony is complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once smudge is complete staff will contact switchboard &amp; protective services to reactivate smoke detectors.</li> <li>Smoke detectors will be reactivated</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |