

SECTION .1200 - PROVIDE FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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(a) Benchmark: The local health department shall provide safe and accessible physical facilities and services.

(b) Activities:

- (1) The local health department shall have facilities that are clean, safe and secure for the specific activities being carried out in the facility or any area of the facility, such as laboratory analyses or patient examinations.
- (2) The local health department shall have facilities that are accessible to persons with physical disabilities and services that are accessible to persons with limited proficiency in the English language.
- (3) The local health department shall have examination rooms and direct client service areas that are configured in a way that protects client privacy.
- (4) The local health department shall ensure privacy and security of records containing privileged patient medical information or information protected by the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.
- (5) The local health department shall comply with OSHA regulations.
- (6) The local health department shall ensure cleaning, disinfection and maintenance of clinical and laboratory equipment and service areas and shall document all cleanings, disinfections and maintenance.
- (7) The local health department shall have and comply with policies and procedures for infection control required by law in providing clinical services.
- (8) The local health department's hours of operation shall be based on documented community need.
- (9) The local health department shall prohibit the use of tobacco in its facility.
- (10) The local health department shall make efforts to prohibit the use of tobacco in all areas and grounds within 50 feet of the health department facility.

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