

Division of Community Nutrition

<i>Subject:</i> Nipple Shields		<i>Policy:</i> BF 04.7
<i>Reference:</i> C.F.R. §246.3	<i>Effective:</i> August 12, 2013	<i>Supersedes:</i> December 1, 2008

I. Policy:

Nipple shields shall be offered to breastfeeding participants with latch problems.

II. Procedure(s):

A. The breastfeeding coordinator / designee shall:

- 1) Offer nipple shields after delivery to participants with latch problems.
- 2) Instruct participants on the use of nipple shields.
- 3) Refer participant to an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) if latch problems do not resolve.
- 4) Document follow-up in the Comments section in Crossroads within one week to participants who receive nipple shields.

B. Nipple shields shall not be given to pregnant participants due to the risk of pre-term labor.

C. Nipple shields shall not be reused due to cross-contamination.