

Division of Community Nutrition

<i>Subject:</i> Nipple Shields		<i>Policy:</i> BF 04.7 - C
<i>Reference:</i> C.F.R. §246.3	<i>Effective:</i> March 14, 2022	<i>Supersedes:</i> August 12, 2013

I. Policy:

Nipple shields may be offered with proper oversight from the Designated Breastfeeding Expert (DBE) to breastfeeding participants with latch problems.

II. Procedure(s):

A. The Breastfeeding Coordinator / DBE 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 in the family care plan in Crossroads within one week to participants who receive nipple shields.

B. Nipple shields shall not be given to pregnant participants.

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