Use of laser for dermatological purposes; supervision of licensed physician required; exceptions; rules; definitions.

Sec. 16276. (1) A licensee, registrant, or other individual shall not perform any procedure using a laser for dermatological purposes unless the procedure is performed under the supervision of a licensed physician.

(2) A licensee, registrant, or other individual shall not perform any procedure using a laser for dermatological purposes unless the patient has knowledge and consents to the procedure being performed by that licensee, registrant, or individual.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to any of the following:
   (a) A licensed physician.
   (b) A licensed physician's assistant who performs such a procedure in a health care facility.
   (c) A certified nurse practitioner who performs such a procedure in a health care facility.

(4) The department may promulgate rules to further prohibit or otherwise restrict the use of lasers for dermatological purposes.

(5) As used in this section:
   (a) "Dermatological" means of or relating to the practice of dermatology.
   (b) "Practice of dermatology" means the diagnosis and treatment of medically necessary and cosmetic conditions of the skin, hair, and nails by various surgical, reconstructive, cosmetic, and nonsurgical methods.
   (c) "Supervision" means the overseeing of or participation in the work of another individual by a health professional licensed under this article in circumstances where at least all of the following conditions exist:
      (i) The continuous availability of direct communication in person or by radio, telephone, or telecommunication between the supervised individual and a licensed health professional.
      (ii) The availability of a licensed health professional on a regularly scheduled basis to review the practice of the supervised individual, to provide consultation to the supervised individual, to review records, and to further educate the supervised individual in the performance of the individual's functions.
      (iii) The provision by the licensed supervising health professional of predetermined procedures and drug protocol.


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