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To: Local County Health Departments
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Re: Microneedling and the Michigan Body Art Facilities Act PA 375 of 2010

Background:

“BB Glow” treatment is a newly created cosmetic procedure that combines micro needling and makeup application. Microneedling works by inserting short thin needles into one’s skin for rejuvenation. The needles force the skin to heal and build up “stronger” than before by increasing the skin’s production of collagen and elastin. With BB glow, instead of introducing vitamins or a smoothing serum, an artist inserts makeup 1mm deep into the skin. The result is akin to a pigment tattoo or semi-permanent tattoo for one’s entire face. <https://askcares.com/blog/bb-glow-treatment-semi-permanent-makeup>.

Michigan’s Body Art Facilities Act, PA 375 of 2010, defines a “Body Art Facility” as the location at which an individual does one or more of tattooing, branding, or body piercing. “Body piercing” as defined by the Act means the perforation of human tissue other than the ear for a non-medical purpose.”

MCL333.13101(d). [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/public Act 149 287439 7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/public_Act_149_287439_7.pdf)

Because BB Glow treatment technically falls within the definition of a piercing, and because LHD’s are the primary enforcement mechanism for Body Art Facilities, LHDs enforce artists and/or individuals who are performing these procedures in accordance with the Act. As a reminder, State of Michigan licensed physicians who utilize body art procedures as part of patient treatment are exempt from PA 375.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/BAReqs811_360378_7.pdf

For additional information, or questions regarding the above please call the Body Art Facility Licensing Program at 1-517-335-8165 or email to BodyArt@michigan.gov .

Thank you.

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