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ARRA INFORMATION NOTICE 2017-IN-01:

THE CLARIFICATION OF A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL'S
SCOPE OF PRACTICE WITH THE USE OF LASERS OR
IPL DEVICES

ADDRESSES

All facilities performing cosmetic procedures utilizing lasers or Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) devices

PURPOSE

The Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency is issuing this information notice (IN) due to an increase in the amount of questions regarding the use of lasers or IPL devices and a health professional's scope of practice.

DISCUSSION

The legal ability of a licensed health care professional to perform various cosmetic procedures utilizing laser or IPL devices which are regulated by the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency (ARRA) is determined by the health care professional's scope of practice as regulated/enforced by the professional's licensing board or agency.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3232, only a health professional, who has prescribing authority and who is acting within the health professional's scope of practice, may administer or supervise another health professional, who is acting within the health professional's scope of practice, in the administration of prescription medication or a prescription-only device for a cosmetic purpose pursuant to this article, whether by injection or any other means, to a patient.

If a health care professional has questions about his/her ability to perform a specific cosmetic procedure, he/she should seek direction from his/her licensing board or agency for guidance on that professional's scope of practice relative to that procedure.

Sincerely,

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