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Board of Cosmetology

Position Statement: Scope of Practice

Athletic Trainers

Barbers

Body Piercing
Technicians

Denturists

Direct Entry
Midwives

Electrologists

Environmental
Health Specialists

Estheticians

Hair Designers

Hearing Aid
Specialists

Nail Technicians

Permanent Color
Technicians

Respiratory
Therapists

Tattoo Artists

Waste Water
Specialists

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Advisory Council for
Electrologists,
Permanent Color
Technicians & Tattoo
Artists

OHLA, Board of Cosmetology Work to Resolve Scope of Practice Issues through Recognition, Collaboration

The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) and Board of Cosmetology are committed to resolving professional scope of practice issues by first recognizing that different scopes of practice overlap and then collaborating with our stakeholders to resolve those issues.

Each regulated profession is governed by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) that specify which services regulated professions can and cannot provide to the public. However, regulations do not necessarily exclude one profession from providing services that are the same or similar to another profession if those services are within that profession's scope of practice and the practitioner has received the appropriate education and training.

For example, body wraps and body treatments are services for which no one profession has exclusive domain. Estheticians may provide body wraps and body treatments within their scope of practice if services are provided "...for the purpose of keeping the skin healthy and attractive..." under ORS 690.005(6).

Other regulated professions, such as massage therapy, may provide body wraps or treatments within their scopes of practice as long as services are not primarily for the purposes of skin care. ORS 690.025(2) provides the specific exemption from cosmetology regulation for these professions.

Collaboration with other regulatory entities is crucial to clarifying scope of practice issues. Laws can be more accurately and consistently enforced if discussion occurs with other regulatory entities and our stakeholders, consensus is reached and our position is communicated to all affected parties, including state regulatory enforcement staff.

It serves the public and practitioners best to foster a collaborative approach to regulation and provide clarification on issues. We look forward to continued collaboration as new issues arise and new developments in regulated professions raise questions related to scope of practice concerns.

OHLA and the Board of Cosmetology adopted this position statement on November 6, 2006.