



OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY

Policy Statement

Part II – Youth Services (Facilities)



Subject

Tattoo Removal Service [Facility]

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E: Programming – 2.3

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Related Standards and References:

- [ORS 419C.550 \(Duties and Authority\)](#)
- OYA policy: [I-A-8.0](#) (Exercise and Delegation of Legal Custodian and Guardianship Authority)
[II-B-2.0](#) (Gang Activity)
[II-A-3.1](#) (Offender Transports)
- OYA forms: [YA 1510](#) (Tattoo Removal Service Application)
[YA 1511](#) (Consent for Tattoo Removal)

Related Procedures:

- None

Policy Owner:

Minority Services Manager

Approved:

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I. PURPOSE:

This policy establishes a referral process for facility OYA offenders to use tattoo removal services located in an OYA facility.

II. POLICY DEFINITIONS:

None.

III. POLICY:

The OYA strives to protect the public by ensuring offender accountability and promoting change through reformation and treatment while providing a safe environment. Offenders with antisocial tattoos may be hindered from achieving reformation goals. Public perception of antisocial tattoos may impede offenders from associating with positive peer groups, limit opportunities for employment, and/or delay disassociation from previous antisocial/criminal behavior.

Tattoo removal services are available to eligible offenders to assist them in achieving reformation goals and promote positive social change. These services are performed by volunteer physicians using an aesthetic laser.

IV. GENERAL STANDARDS:

- A. The Office of Minority Services will oversee offender tattoo removal services.
- B. The Office of Minority Services will designate a Tattoo Removal Coordinator who will coordinate tattoo removal services.
- C. The facility clinic where the tattoo removal services are performed will:
 - 1. Ensure volunteer physicians are certified to perform tattoo removal services;
 - 2. Prepare offenders for laser procedure; and
 - 3. Provide offenders post-laser medical treatment.
- D. Offender criteria for participation in tattoo removal services
 - 1. The offender has an antisocial tattoo(s) which may impede his/her successful rehabilitation.
 - 2. The offender's Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) recommends his/her participation in tattoo removal services.
 - 3. The offender can establish his/her commitment to disassociate from antisocial and criminal groups and/or activities by completing an application that documents:
 - a) Successful participation in rehabilitative activity as reported by a case manager. Such activity includes participation in any OYA approved treatment program.
 - b) An understanding of how the offender's tattoo(s) may sustain involvement in antisocial and criminal groups and/or activity, and how tattoo removal will affect the offender's life.
 - c) A signed statement of intent to disassociate from antisocial and criminal culture.
 - d) A willingness to support tattoo removal procedures by attending scheduled treatment appointments.
- E. Offender application for tattoo removal services
 - 1. Offender participation in tattoo removal services is voluntary.
 - 2. Offenders may apply for tattoo removal services by completing the YA 1510 (Tattoo Removal Service Application). A designated

facility staff will forward the YA 1510 to the Tattoo Removal Coordinator for the Coordinator's review.

3. Facility staff will obtain written consent from all offenders prior to their participation in tattoo removal services by having offenders complete the YA 1511 (Consent for Tattoo Removal).
 - a) For offenders under 15 years of age, facility staff must also obtain the offender's parent's or legal guardian's consent prior to participation in tattoo removal services.
 - b) If the OYA is the guardian, consent authority will be exercised only by the Superintendent/Camp Director of a facility where the offender is placed.
- F. Offender transportation for tattoo removal services from one facility to another will be in accordance with OYA policy II-A-3.1 (Offender Transports).
- G. While in the OYA facility where tattoo removal services are available, offenders transported for tattoo removal will have no contact with offenders regularly housed at the facility and will be supervised by designated staff.
- H. Offenders who obtain additional antisocial tattoos after receiving tattoo removal services will be disqualified from further tattoo removal services.
- I. Documentation of tattoo removal services will be indicated in the offender's JJIS notes by designated staff.

V. LOCAL OPERATING PROCEDURE REQUIRED: NO