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To: Tanning Registrants

From: David M. Howe, Section Manager
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RE: Tanning Restrictions For Persons Under The Age of 18 Years

The State of Oregon Radiation Protection Services (RPS) is issuing this informational bulletin.

The law passed by the 2013 Oregon Legislative Assembly directs RPS to revise Oregon Administrative Rules 333-119-0010, 333-119-0090 and 333-119-0110 restricting minors from commercial tanning which takes effect on January 1, 2014. The new law is part of Oregon Revised Statutes 431.925 through 431.955 and Oregon Laws 2013, chapter 411, which states that “an entity doing business in this state as a tanning facility may not allow a person who is under 18 years of age to use a tanning device that is owned or operated by the entity”.

The only exception to the new law is for minors who get a written recommendation from their doctor. That recommendation must be on a state form (available on the RPS website). To allow RPS to verify that minors are not being allowed to tan, new client record requirements are in place.

Tanning clients who appear younger than 26 years of age are now required to provide proof of their date of birth (DOB) and tanning operators are required to document the type of ID and the ID number on the client record. The client record information can be either in the client database or on client cards developed by RPS and available on the website.

Because of the new ID requirements, existing active tanning clients who appear younger than 26 years of age must complete a new client card or provide the additional required ID information. RPS will not begin citing for violations of the new rules until April 1. Copies of new signs and client record cards, and the medical recommendation form are available on the tanning program website at: www.healthoregon.org/tanning

Please feel free to contact Rick Wendt, Operations Manager @ 971-673-0505 for further information.