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### ESTHETIC USE OF LASERS FOR HAIR REMOVAL

The Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing believes that the following basic principles currently apply:

1. Laser hair removal is the practice of medicine.
2. Laser hair removal must be done by a licensed medical practitioner, or other healthcare practitioner who is practicing within the scope of licensure.
3. Laser hair removal is not within the scope of practice of an esthetician, but may be done under the direct and immediate supervision of a medical practitioner.
4. A medical practitioner must have the requisite training to do this procedure or delegate the procedure as established in §§ 58-1-501(2)(b)(i).
5. Only a medical practitioner may prescribe (order) this procedure for a patient.
6. Medical records must be maintained as per any medical procedure.
7. A medical practitioner may delegate to trained medical assistants in this procedure under criteria as established in §§ 58-67-102(6). A medical practitioner must direct the course of the patients' treatments and must supervise the delegatee's performance of the procedure.
8. Responsibility and oversight cannot be delegated and remains with the medical practitioner.

DOPL's position regarding laser hair removal is that we already have the necessary regulatory authority for oversight of this practice of medicine, as identified above.