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## Industry Bulletin - Eyelash and Eyebrow Services

The California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology would like to remind its licensees of the following information regarding eyelash and eyebrow services.

### Eyelash Application

The practice of applying eyelashes, eyelash extensions, and eyelash strips to any person is only within the scope of practice of licensed cosmetologists and estheticians. Section 7316 of the California Business and Professions Code states in part:

- (b) The practice of cosmetology is all or any combination of the following practices:  
(7) Tinting and perming of the eyelashes and brows, or applying eyelashes to any person.*
- (c) The practice of skin care is all or any combination of the following practices:  
(2) Tinting and perming of the eyelashes and brows, or applying eyelashes to any person.*

### Eyelash Perming

The practice of eyelash perming is only within the scope of practice of licensed barbers, cosmetologists, and estheticians. Section 7316 of the California Business and Professions Code states in part:

- (a) The practice of barbering is all or any combination of the following practices:  
(3) Singeing, shampooing, arranging, dressing, curling, waving, chemical waving, hair relaxing, or dyeing the hair or applying hair tonics.*
- (b) The practice of cosmetology is all or any combination of the following practices:  
(7) Tinting and perming of the eyelashes and brows, or applying eyelashes to any person.*
- (c) The practice of skin care is all or any combination of the following practices:  
(2) Tinting and perming of the eyelashes and brows, or applying eyelashes to any person.*

## **Drug-based Eyelash/Eyebrow Enhancements**

The application or use of any drug-based prescribed product on a consumer may constitute the practice of medicine and is not within the scope of practice for any Board licensee. This includes, but is not limited to, prescription products designed to enhance eyelash growth, thickness, and fullness.

Section 7320 of the Business and Professions Code restricts licensees under the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology from practicing medicine as it states:

*(a) This chapter confers no authority to practice medicine or surgery. The practice of medicine shall not be performed by, or offered by, a licensee under this chapter without being authorized and licensed to perform that act pursuant to a license obtained in accordance with some other provision of law.*

*(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to grant any privileges reserved for persons certified pursuant to Chapter 10.5 (commencing with Section 4600) of Division 2.*

Section 2052 of the Business and Professions Code, defines the actions that constitute the practice of medicine:

*“...Any person who practices or attempts to practice, or who advertises or holds himself or herself out as practicing, any system or mode of treating the sick or afflicted in this state, or who diagnoses, treats, operates for, or prescribes for any ailment, blemish, deformity, disease, disfigurement, disorder, injury, or other physical or mental condition of any person, without having at the time of so doing a valid, unrevoked, or unsuspended certificate as provided in this chapter or without being authorized to perform the act pursuant to a certificate obtained in accordance with some other provision of law is guilty of a public offense, punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and either imprisonment.”*

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