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Position Statement Regarding Microneedling, Microchanneling, Nanoneedling, Skin Stamping, And Dermarollers

On January 1st, 2019 statutory change took effect and the definition of tattooing was changed to include the terms microblading and microneedling. This statutory change was a result of SB4 which passed April 2018. The FDA released a formal statement on June 12th, 2018, announcing microneedling devices as a class II medical device to be used by or under the supervision of medical practitioners.

Tattooing is currently defined as “the process by which the skin is marked or colored to form indelible marks, figures, or decorative designs for nonmedical purposes by inserting or ingraining an indelible pigment into or onto the skin, microblading, or microneedling.” However, the process of microneedling does not deposit pigment into the skin nor does it form an indelible mark. The microneedling process is not satisfied by the definition of tattooing. Furthermore, permanent cosmetic coloring, defined as tattooing “for the purpose of simulating hair and makeup” does not support microneedling as the microneedling procedure does not simulate hair or makeup, in addition to not forming or ingraining an indelible pigment into the skin.

After extensive research it is the opinion of the board that microneedling, microchanneling, nanoneedling, skin stamping, and dermaroller services, or similar services that puncture the skin should not be performed by anyone licensed by this board nor should microneedling be included in the definition of tattooing.

Thank you for understanding. If you have any questions, please reach out to the board and questions will be discussed by board members.

Respectfully,
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