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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 250
Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Cosmetology
Rule No.: 250-X-3-.02
Rule Title: Products Sanitation And Care
Intended Action: Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

Jeannie Price
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Date

Monday, May 11, 2026

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ALABAMA BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering

RULE NO. & TITLE: 250-X-3-.02 Products Sanitation And Care

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Amends the rule to update terminology used and clarify the intent of the health and safety requirements. There are no new restrictions.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written comments may be made to P.O. Box 301750, Montgomery, AL 36130 no later than 5:00 PM on July 15, 2026.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

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(Signature of officer authorized  
to promulgate and adopt  
rules or his or her deputy)

(1) No licensee shall conduct services at any location which does not meet proper health, ~~safety~~ and ~~sanitations~~safety requirements. Compliance with rules of this chapter does not infer compliance with other requirements of federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations.

(2) Possession or storage of any equipment, supplies, or product associated with any act of barbering or cosmetology will be prima facie evidence of use.

(3) No licensee shall use any equipment, supplies, or product banned for use by the United States Food and Drug Administration or other federal, state, or local governmental agency for barbering or cosmetology purposes.

(4) No licensee shall use styptic pencils.

(5) No ~~licensee shall use~~shop, salon, school, or facility shall have on the premises methyl methacrylate or any other product ~~considered poisonous or unsafe~~containing hazardous substances that have been banned by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in cosmetic products.

(6) No licensee shall use any drill or other equipment, supply, or product for any purpose other than that for which it was intended. Only drills marked or intended by the manufacturer "For Human Nails" are acceptable.

(7) No ~~Licensee~~licensee shall use any craft or hobby tools or modified craft or hobby tools in providing services.

(8) No licensee shall perform any service outside the scope of the Board's regulatory authority. The Board's scope of licensure is confined to non-invasive services performed on the epidermis, specifically the stratum corneum and must not alter, cut or damage living cells.

(9) No licensee shall use callous razors or any implement intended to cut skin, including, but not limited to, rasps, credo blades and "cheese grater" type foot files in any practice of cosmetology or manicure.

(10) No licensee shall perform services on the skin or scalp of any person ~~which is broken, inflamed, cut, abraded, eroded or infected~~exhibiting open wounds, irritation, inflammation, infection, or parasitic infection or infestation. Licensees shall not diagnose, treat, or attempt to treat any disease or condition

of the skin or scalp. Services performed under this chapter are limited to cosmetic purposes only.

(11) No licensee may perform eyebrow tinting with a product which contains aniline derivative.

(12) No licensee shall practice photo rejuvenation, permanent makeup, electrolysis, tattoo, or any other act outside the regulatory authority of the Board.

(13) No person with an infectious or communicable disease may work in a salon licensed by the Board. Consumers who have symptoms of infectious or communicable disease should be declined services until symptoms have cleared.

(14) The practice of natural hairstyling is limited to cleansing, extending, locking, braiding or arranging without cutting, relaxing, removing, or applying permanent waving or chemical treatments to the natural hair.

(15) The scope of waxing for ~~manicurist/waxer~~ Manicurist/Waxer is limited to treatment above the neck.

(16) Roll on wax applicators shall be ~~classed~~ treated as single-- use items and discarded after each client.

(17) All ~~sanitized~~ cleaned and disinfected instruments and ~~sanitary disposable articles must~~ single-use items shall be stored in clean, closed containers ~~free of~~ and kept separate from other supplies to prevent contamination.

(18) ~~Cosmetics or preparations~~ All products used on clients must be kept in closed containers at all times when not in use.

(19) ~~Shop must use containers for professional products which are designed to prevent contamination of the unused portion. All creams and bulk substances~~ All products removed from a multi-use container, such as a tub or tube, must be done so in a manner that the remaining product in the container is not contaminated. Products such as pomades, waxes, and gels must be removed from containers with spatulas or clean tools. Bulk supplies which may be contaminated by unsanitized tools or spatulas during preparation or application of single service portions must be discarded with either a single-use spatula that is disposed of immediately after a single use or a disinfected multi-use spatula. Fingers may not be used to removed product. Products may be dispensed from a shaker or pump ensuring that the licensee's or client's hands to not touch the dispensing portions of the container.

(20) ~~Shop~~Each shop must use wet ~~sanitizers~~disinfecting units with ~~hospital-grade or an~~ EPA ~~approved~~registered disinfectant that is bactericidal, virucidal, and fungicidal, and labeled as effective against HIV and HEPB. A wet ~~sanitizer~~disinfecting unit is any covered receptacle ~~with a proper cover~~that is large enough to completely immerse items to be ~~sanitized~~disinfected which contains an approved disinfectant. ~~A hospital-grade or EPA approved disinfectant shall be defined as:~~

~~(a) For all combs, brushes, tools, metal implements, instruments with a cutting edge and implements which have not come into contact with blood or body fluids: a disinfectant which indicates on its label that it has been registered with the Environmental Protection Agency as a hospital-grade bactericide, vermicide and fungicide.~~

~~(b) For all combs, brushes, tools, metal implements, implements with a cutting edge and implements which have come into contact with blood or body fluids: a disinfectant which indicates on its label that it has been registered with the EPA as a hospital-grade tuberculocidal.~~

(21) All tools, implements, supplies, linens, and equipment ~~must be safely stored.~~ Pre-sanitized tools, implements, linens and equipment shall be cleaned, disinfected and stored to prevent contamination. Cleaned and disinfected items and single-use items must be stored in ~~an enclosed sanitary~~a closed cabinet or covered container. After use on each ~~patron~~client, used tools, implements, and ~~tools and soiled~~used linens ~~must~~shall be ~~deposited~~placed in a closed receptacle separate from those which are clean and ~~pre-sanitized~~disinfected.

(22) All chemicals and products for ~~patron use~~use on clients must be properly labeled and identified.

(23) All ~~sanitizing~~cleaning and disinfecting products and chemicals used for ~~patron use or~~ cleaning must be used and stored according to the manufacturer's directions and in a manner consistent with public safety and health interests. Flammable chemicals must be stored in a flame-retardant cabinet or in a well-ventilated storage area away from combustible materials. Chemicals such as oxidizers, catalysts, and solvents must be segregated in storage.

(24) Chemicals requiring mixing must be mixed in a well-ventilated area ~~at least twenty-five feet from an open flame or electrical device.~~ Chemical saturated towels and chemical waste must be removed from work and storage areas and placed in covered containerswith adequate air circulation to prevent the buildup of

fumes or vapors. All chemicals shall be mixed, used, and disposed of in accordance with manufacturer instructions.

(25) ~~Material safety data sheets (MSDS)~~ Safety Data Sheets (SDS) defining product content, hazards precautions and first aid/ medical treatment ~~should be on containers and~~ must be available upon request for products considered dangerous to public health.

(26) Any comb, brush, tool, or implement which cannot be cleaned and ~~sanitized~~ disinfected is prohibited for use after initial use. Single-use ~~articles~~ items and disposable supplies must be disposed of immediately after use in a covered container.

(27) Any ~~disposable material~~ single-use item which has come in contact with blood or body fluids shall be disposed of in a plastic bag.

(28) All combs, brushes, tools, and implements must be ~~sanitized~~ cleaned and disinfected before use on any ~~patron~~ client.

(29) ~~No combs~~ Combs, brushes, tools, or implements ~~may~~ shall not be carried in licensee's pockets, belts, holsters, or any other carrier made of porous material which cannot be cleaned and disinfected, such as, but not limited to, leather or cloth.

(30) ~~Pedicure vats must be cleansed and sanitized after each service to a patron~~ All pedicure bowls must be clean and disinfected prior to each use by the following method:

(a) After each client, remove all removable parts and clean with soap or detergent and water. Rinse with clean water and immerse in an EPA registered disinfectant following the manufacturer's directions. Store in clean, closed containers until use.

(b) Clean tub or basin with soap or detergent and clean water. Rinse with clean water.

(c) Fill the tub or basin with clean water and add EPA registered disinfectant to achieve proper concentration and allow to sit or circulate through system (or jetted tubs) for manufacturer's recommended contact time.

(d) Drain tub and air dry or wipe dry with clean towel or paper towel.

(31) During barber, cosmetology, esthetics, or natural hair services ~~a proper sanitary cover must,~~ a clean or single-use neck strip or towel shall be placed around ~~patron's~~ client's neck to ~~avoid~~ prevent direct contact between the client's skin and the

service cape. Capes shall be maintained in a clean condition and shall not come into direct contact with the client's skin.

(32) ~~Shop must~~Each shop shall maintain ~~an adequate supply~~a sufficient quantity of linens and professional use tools and products ~~for proper hygiene~~to ensure continuous service delivery in accordance with infection control practices.

(33) ~~Shop must be insect, rodent and animal free except for guide or service~~Each shop shall be maintained free from insects, rodents, and animals at all times. Service animals of visually handicapped or otherwise physically disabled persons assisting individuals with disabilities are permitted. Fish ~~in sanitary~~and are allowed only when kept in clean, properly maintained aquariums ~~are permitted~~that do not create contamination risks within the shop.

(34) ~~Shop must keep on premises a~~Each shop shall maintain a clearly identified and readily accessible first aid kit which must be equipped with supplies appropriate for reasonable anticipated injuries including cuts, burns, and chemical exposure. The kit shall include appropriate personal protective equipment and eye flushing materials where chemical services are performed. All supplies shall be maintained in clean condition, within usable dates, and replenished as ~~necessary~~needed.

In addition, each shop shall maintain a clearly identifiable and readily accessible blood spill kit or blood exposure cleanup materials for the safe handling, containment, cleanup, disinfection, and disposal of blood or other potentially infectious materials in accordance with applicable infection control standards. The blood spill kit shall include disposable gloves, absorbent materials, disinfectant effective against bloodborne pathogens, and disposable biohazard waste containment materials. All blood spill kit supplies shall be maintained in usable condition and replenished as needed.

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