



FEDERATION OF  
STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

Use of Lasers/Delegation of Medical Functions

Board-by-Board Overview

	Laser Regulation Law, Rule or Policy	Requirements Related to Supervision and/or Delegation of Medical Functions to Unlicensed Individuals
AL	<p><a href="#">Ala. Admin Code 540-X-11</a> “Guidelines for the Use of Lasers and Other Modalities Affecting Living Tissue”</p> <p><a href="#">Alabama Board of Medical Examiners</a> “Use of Lasers FAQ”</p>	<p><a href="#">Ala. Admin Code 540-X-11</a> “Guidelines for the Use of Lasers and Other Modalities Affecting Living Tissue”</p>
AK	<p><a href="#">AK Department of Commerce, October 2007</a> “Guideline Regarding the Use of Lasers and Laser Surgery”</p>	<p><a href="#">AK State Medical Board Guidelines, June 2004</a> “Guideline for Physicians in Delegating Procedures to Non-Physician Personnel When Performing Certain Dermatological Procedures.”</p> <p><a href="#">AK State Medical Board Guidelines, January 2012</a> “Guideline: Delegating to Medical Assistants (Unlicensed Assistive Personnel)”</p>
AZ-M	<p><a href="#">A.R.S. § 32-3231 et seq.</a> “Cosmetic Laser &amp; Injection Procedure”</p> <p><a href="#">Ariz. Admin. Code R12-1-1440</a> “Medical Lasers”</p>	<p><a href="#">A.R.S. § 32-3232</a> “Supervision”</p> <p><a href="#">A.R.S. § 32-1456</a> “Medical Assistants”</p> <p><a href="#">Ariz. Admin. Code R4-16-401 et seq.</a> “Medical Assistants”</p> <p><a href="#">Ariz. Admin. Code R12-1-1438</a> “Hair Reduction and Other Cosmetic Procedures Using Laser and Intense Pulsed Light”</p>

AZ-O	--	<a href="#">A.R.S. § 32-1456</a> “Medical Assistants”  <a href="#">Ariz. Admin. Code R4-4-16 et seq.</a> “Medical Assistants Authorized Procedures”
AR	<a href="#">Regulations of the Arkansas State Medical Board</a> “Regulation No. 22. Laser Surgery Guidelines”	<a href="#">Ark. Rev. Stat. § 17-105 et seq.</a> “Physician Assistants”  <a href="#">Regulations of the Arkansas State Medical Board</a> “Regulation No. 31: Physician Delegation Regulation”
CA-M	<a href="#">CA Business &amp; Professional Code § 2023.5</a>  <a href="#">California Medical Board</a> “FAQs – Cosmetic Treatments”  <a href="#">The Bottom Line: The Business of Medicine - Medical Spas</a> “The Bottom Line: The Business of Medical Spas”	<a href="#">CA Business &amp; Professional Code §§ 2069-2071</a> “Medical Assistants”  <a href="#">California Medical Board</a> “FAQs – Cosmetic Treatments”
CA-O	--	<a href="#">CA Business &amp; Professional Code §2459.6</a>
CO	<a href="#">Colorado Medical Board, July 2010</a> “Policy 40-19: Use of Lasers to Provide Medical Services”	<a href="#">Colorado Medical Board, January 2011</a> “Rule 800: Rules Regarding the Delegation and Supervision of Medical Services to Unlicensed Persons”
CT	<a href="#">Connecticut Medical Examining Board</a> “Declaratory Ruling on Use of Lasers for Hair Removal”  <a href="#">Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, August 2007</a> “Declaratory Ruling on Use of Lasers in a Chiropractic Practice”	<a href="#">CT Gen. Stat. § 20-9</a> “Who May Practice Medicine or Surgery”
DE	<a href="#">24 Del. Admin. Code §5100-14.0</a> “Health and Sanitation; Electric Nail Files, Hair Removal and Laser Technology”	<a href="#">24 Del. Admin. Code § 1700-11.0</a> “Delegation of Responsibilities to Non-physicians”
DC	--	--
FL-M	<a href="#">Fla. Admin. Code 64B15-14.007</a> “Standard of Care for Office Surgery”  <a href="#">Fla. Admin. Code 64B8-56.002</a> “Protocols for Laser and Light-Based Devices”  <a href="#">Florida Department of Health</a> “Laser Information”	<a href="#">Fla. Stat. 458.348</a> “Formal supervisory relationships, standing orders, and established protocols”

FL-O	Same as FL-M	<a href="#">Fla. Stat. 459.025</a> "Formal supervisory relationships, standing orders, and established protocols"
GA	<a href="#">O.C.G.A. §43-34-244</a> "Georgia Cosmetic Laser Services Act"	<a href="#">O.C.G.A. § 43-34-44</a> "Role of medical assistants clarified"  <a href="#">Georgia Composite Medical Board Rule § 360-3-.05</a> "Medical Assistants, Polysomnography Technologists, and Radiology Technologists"
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HI	<a href="#">Hawaii Medical Board, August 2014</a> "Scope of Practice: Clarification Regarding the Use of Laser"	<a href="#">Haw. Rev. Stat. § 453-5.3(a)</a> "Physician assistant; licensure required"
ID	--	<a href="#">Idaho Admin. Code § 22.01.04</a> "Rules of the Board of Medicine for Registration of Supervising and Directing Physicians"
IL	<a href="#">68 Ill. Admin. Code § 1285.336</a> "Use of Lasers"  <a href="#">32 Ill. Admin. Code § 315</a> "Standards for Protection Against Laser Radiation"	<a href="#">225 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 60/54.2</a> "Physician delegation of authority"
IN	<a href="#">844 IAC 4-3-2</a> "Surgical Operations"	<a href="#">IC 25-22.5-1-2</a> "Physicians; Exclusions"
IA	<a href="#">Iowa Medical Board, April 2006</a> "The Use of Lasers, Intense Pulsed Light Devices, and Radio-Frequency Devices"	<a href="#">Iowa Medical Board, April 2006</a> "The Use of Lasers, Intense Pulsed Light Devices, and Radio-Frequency Devices"
KS	<a href="#">K.A.R. 100-27-1</a> "Light Based Medical Treatment"	<a href="#">KSA 65-2872</a> "Persons not engaged in the practice of the healing arts"  <a href="#">K.A.R. 100-27-1</a> "Light Based Medical Treatment"
KY	<a href="#">Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure</a> "Opinion: Laser Surgery"	<a href="#">Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure</a> "Opinion: Laser Surgery; IX: Non-physician Qualifications"
LA	<a href="#">LA. Rev. Stat. §37:1261(3)</a> "Practice of Medicine" <a href="#">Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, Nov. 2001</a> "Position: Use of Medical Lasers, Chemical Skin Treatments"	<a href="#">La. Rev. Stat. §37:1360.38</a> "Guidelines for certification and practice; Exemptions" <a href="#">Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, Nov. 2001</a> "Position: Use of Medical Lasers, Chemical Skin Treatments"

ME-M	<a href="#">32 M.R.S.A. §14202.7</a> “Practice of aesthetics”	<a href="#">32 M.R.S.A. § 3270-A</a> “Assistants”  <a href="#">Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, Nov. 2013</a> “Advisory Ruling: Assistants (Unlicensed) Scope of Practice”
ME-O	Same as ME-M	--
MD	<a href="#">COMAR § 10.32.09</a> “Cosmetic medical procedures”  <a href="#">Maryland Board of Physicians, Fall 2004 Newsletter</a> “Laser Hair Removal and Cosmetic Medical Procedures”  <a href="#">Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, October 2002</a> “Declaratory Ruling: The Use of Lasers for Hair Removal”	<a href="#">COMAR § 10.32.12</a> “Delegation of Acts by a Licensed Physician to an Assistant Not Otherwise Authorized under the Health Occupations Article or the Education Article”
MA	<a href="#">243 CMR 5.01(2)</a> “Practice of Acupuncture”  <a href="#">105 CMR 121.00</a> “To control the radiation hazards of lasers”	<a href="#">243 CMR 2.07(4)</a> “Delegation of Medical Services”
MI-M	<a href="#">Michigan Department of Community Health, December 2005</a> “Position Statement: Use of Laser Equipment by Health Professionals”	<a href="#">MCL § 333.16215</a> “Delegation of acts, tasks, or functions to licensed or unlicensed individuals; supervision; immunity”
MI-O	Same as MI-M	Same as MI-M
MN	<a href="#">MN Statute §147.081.3</a> “Practice of Medicine Defined”	--
MS	<a href="#">MS Board of Medical Licensure</a> <a href="#">Admin. Code 30 § 2635.3</a> “Laser Devices”	--
MO	--	--
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MT	<a href="#">Admin. Rules of Montana § 24.156.501</a> “Definition”  <a href="#">Admin Rules of Montana § 24.121.1509</a> “Implements, Instruments, Supplies, and Equipment”	<a href="#">Montana Code Ann. § 37-3-104</a> “Medical Assistants - Guidelines”  <a href="#">Admin. Rules of Montana § 24.156.640</a> “Medical Assistant”

NC	<p><a href="#">NC Medical Board, July 2005</a> "Position Statement 5.1.2: Laser Surgery"</p> <p><a href="#">NC Medical Board, Spring 2012</a> "Laser Hair Removal and Laser Tattoo Removal"</p>	<p><a href="#">N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-18</a> "Practicing without license"</p> <p><a href="#">21 NCAC 32S .0213</a> "Supervision of Physician Assistants"</p> <p><a href="#">NC Medical Board, Spring 2012</a> "Laser Hair Removal and Laser Tattoo Removal"</p>
ND	<p><a href="#">N.D. Century Code 43-38</a> "Electrologists and Electronic Hair Removal Technicians"</p>	<p><a href="#">N.D. Admin. Code 50-03-01-06</a> "Assistant's functions limited"</p>
NE	<p><a href="#">Joint Board Dermatologic Workgroup Final Report, August 2011</a> "Scope of Practice Related to Non-Ablative Laser Procedures"</p>	<p><a href="#">Joint Board Dermatologic Workgroup Final Report, August 2011</a> "Scope of Practice Related to Non-Ablative Laser Procedures"</p>
NH	<p><a href="#">R.S.A. 329:1</a> "Physicians and Surgeons; Practice"</p>	--
NJ	<p><a href="#">NJ Admin. Code § 13:35-4A.1</a> "Surgery, Special Procedures and Anesthesia Services Performed in an Office Setting"</p> <p><a href="#">NJ Admin. Code § 13:35-12</a> "Electrologists Advisory Committee; Licensure of Electrologists and Electrology Instructors; Electrology Standards of Practice"</p>	<p><a href="#">NJ Admin. Code § 13:35-6.4</a> "Delegation of Administration of Subcutaneous and Intramuscular Injections to Certified Medical Assistants"</p>
NM	<p><a href="#">NMAC § 16.10.13.1 et seq.</a> "Delegated Use of Devices and Procedures by Medical Assistants; Cosmetic Injections"</p>	<p><a href="#">New Mexico Stat. § 61-6-17</a> "Exceptions to Medical Practice Act"</p> <p><a href="#">NMAC § 16.10.13 et seq.</a> "Delegated Use of Devices and Procedures by Medical Assistants; Cosmetic Injections"</p>
NV-M	<p><a href="#">Nev. Rev. Stat. § 630.371</a> "Performance of laser surgery on eye without proper training"</p>	<p><a href="#">Nev. Rev. Stat. § 454.213(22)</a> "Authority to possess and administer dangerous drug"</p> <p><a href="#">Nev. Rev. Stat. § 630.138</a> "Board authorized to adopt rules governing supervision of medical assistants"</p> <p><a href="#">Nev. Admin. Code § 630.800 et seq.</a> "Supervision of Medical Assistants"</p>
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NY	<p><a href="#">NY PHL § 230-d</a> “Office-Based Surgery”</p> <p><a href="#">New York Department of Health</a> “Office-Based Surgery”</p>	<p><a href="#">NY Education Law § 6530</a> “Definitions of Professional Misconduct Applicable to Physicians, Physician's Assistants and Specialist's Assistants”</p>
OH	<p><a href="#">Ohio Admin. Rules 4731-18-01 et seq.</a> “Standards for Surgery &amp; Use of Light-based Medical Devices”</p>	<p><a href="#">Ohio Admin. Rules 4731-23</a> “Delegation of Medical Tasks”</p>
OK-M	<p><a href="#">Oklahoma Medical Board, November 2008</a> “Policy and Guidelines for Medical Spas &amp; Aesthetic Procedures”</p>	<p><a href="#">Oklahoma Medical Board, November 2008</a> “Policy and Guidelines for Medical Spas &amp; Aesthetic Procedures”</p>
OK-O	--	--
OR	<p><a href="#">Oregon Medical Board, January 2002</a> “Statement of Philosophy: Medical Use of Lasers”</p>	<p><a href="#">OR Rev. Stat. § 677.505</a> “Application of provisions governing physician assistants to other health professions”</p>
PA-M	--	<p><a href="#">49 Pa. Code § 18.402</a> “Delegation of Medical Services”</p>
PA-O	--	<p><a href="#">49 Pa. Code § 25.217</a> “Delegation”</p>
PR	--	--
RI		<p><a href="#">RI Gen L § 5-54-3</a> “Physician Assistants; Exemptions”</p> <p><a href="#">RI Dept. of Health, February 2014</a> “Guidelines Regarding Scope of Practice, Supervision, and Minimum Expectations of Conduct of Medical Assistants”</p>
SC	<p><a href="#">South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners, November 2007</a> “Policy: Medical Devices/Delegatable Medical Act”</p>	<p><a href="#">SC Code Ann. § 40-47-30</a> “Licensure Requirement; excepted activities”</p> <p><a href="#">South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners, November 2007</a> “Policy: Medical Devices/Delegatable Medical Act”</p>
SD	<p><a href="#">SD Codified L § 36-4-8.2</a> “Surgery constituting practice of medicine”</p>	<p><a href="#">SD Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners, March 2012</a> “Laser Utilization by Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants”</p>
TN-M	<p><a href="#">TN Admin. Code 0880-02-.14(10)</a> “Use of Laser Equipment”</p> <p><a href="#">TN Admin. Code 0880-02-.21</a> “Office Based Surgery”</p>	--

TN-O	<a href="#">TN Admin. Code 1050-02.13(10)</a> “Use of Laser Equipment”  <a href="#">TN Admin. Code 1050-02-.21</a> “Office Based Surgery”	--
TX	<a href="#">TX Admin. Code § 193.17</a> “Nonsurgical Medical Cosmetic Procedures”	<a href="#">TX Admin. Code §§ 193.1-193.10</a> “Standing Delegation Orders” <a href="#">Tx. Occ. Code § 157.001</a> “General Authority of Physician to Delegate”
UT-M	<a href="#">Utah Code § 58-11a-102(28)</a> “Practice of basic esthetics”	--
UT-O	Same as UT-M	--
VT-M	<a href="#">26 V.S.A. § 4402(3)</a> “Electrology”  <a href="#">26 V.S.A. § 1728(b)(1)</a> “Use of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents”	--
VT-O	--	--
VI	--	--
VA	--	<a href="#">VA Code § 54.1-2901(6)</a> “Exceptions and exemptions generally”
WA-M	<a href="#">WAC 246-919-605</a> “Use of lasers, light, radiofrequency, and plasma devices as applied to the skin”	<a href="#">WAC 246-919-605(10)</a> “Delegation of LLRP Treatment”  <a href="#">WAC 246-919-606</a> “Nonsurgical Medical Cosmetic Procedures”
WA-O	<a href="#">WAC 246-853-630</a> “Use of lasers, light, radiofrequency, and plasma devices as applied to the skin”	<a href="#">WAC 246-853-630(10)</a> “Osteopathic Physician Delegation of LLRP Treatment”
WV-M	<a href="#">W. Va. Code § 30-3-4(3)</a> “Practice of Medicine and Surgery”  <a href="#">West Virginia Board of Medicine, February 2007</a> “Public Policy Statement on Surgery using laser, pulsed light, radiofrequency devices, or other techniques”	<a href="#">West Virginia Board of Medicine, February 2007</a> “Public Policy Statement on Surgery using laser, pulsed light, radiofrequency devices, or other techniques”
WV-O	--	--

WI	<a href="#">Wisc. Admin. Code Cos2.025</a> “Delegated Medical Procedures”	<a href="#">Wisc. Admin. Code Cos2.025</a> “Delegated Medical Procedures”
WY	<a href="#">Wyoming Board of Medicine Rules § 1.3(zz)</a> “Practicing Medicine”	<a href="#">Wyoming Board of Medicine Rules § 1.3(nn)</a> “Medical Assistant”

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