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NOTICE THAT

State of Maine Health Inspection Program Will License Microblading

You are receiving this notice because, according to publicly available information, you are practicing microblading in the State of Maine. This notice is to inform you of a new State law that will require you to obtain a license for your practice. Under direction from the State Legislature, the Department of Health and Human Services Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Health Inspection Program (the Department) recently revised the statutory definition of micropigmentation within 32 MRS §4311, (2). This public law becomes effective on October 19, 2021. The new law defines micropigmentation as, *placing nontoxic dyes or pigments into or under the skin to form marks for cosmetic or medical purposes. Micropigmentation does not include tattooing.* This new change to statute authorizes the Department to license and inspect microblading under the micropigmentation license.

Application: Enclosed is an application for your micropigmentation license. **Please fill in your information, sign the application and submit the completed application and payment of the license fee to our office by September 30, 2021.**

License Fee: The fee for a micropigmentation license is **\$150**, with renewal of license and payment of license fee amount required every other year. The license fee includes one licensure inspection and one follow-up inspection.

Conditional License: Pursuant to 32 MRS §4312 (§2-B), any applicants who do not meet the full educational requirements or facility requirements for a micropigmentation license but satisfactorily meet all other requirements in the micropigmentation rules, will receive a conditional micropigmentation license from the Department restricted to microblading only. This conditional license will be valid for a period of one year, to allow the applicant time to meet the educational requirements for a full micropigmentation license. Please see the Rules Relating to Micropigmentation at 10-144 CMR Ch. 211 here: <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/chaps10.htm> Please pay special attention to sub section 3.C and 3.F and Section 8.

Inspections: Inspections will be completed by the Department at a minimum of once every two years per Maine Law (32 MRS §4314). If an inspection fails, the Department will provide written notice of any violations via the inspection report, and a follow-up inspection will be scheduled. The Department may also conduct additional inspections to ensure violations are resolved in the interest of public health and safety. Under Maine statute (32 MRS §4314 (1), when additional inspections are required beyond the two inspections per license year, the Department is authorized to charge an additional fee not to exceed \$200 to cover the costs of each additional inspection or visit. The Department may impose a penalty for the applicant's failure to pay an additional inspection fee within 30 days of the billing date.

Penalties: Maine law 32 MRS §4312 requires a person to obtain a Department license before practicing micropigmentation or microblading on another human being in the State of Maine. Any person who operates unlicensed commits a civil violation, subject to civil penalties for as much as \$500 for each violation, pursuant to 32 MRS §4318.

If you have any questions about the licensing and inspection process, please contact our office at (207) 287-5671 or by email at Carol.Gott@maine.gov or Casandra.Lavallee@maine.gov. Should you have any further questions about this notice, please contact Lisa Silva by phone at (207) 287-5691 or by email at Lisa.Silva@maine.gov.