

Executive Summary

FDA Enforcement Now Includes Med Spas

How This Change Affects Your Practice

What changed: The Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) is now being enforced at the medical practice level. Any practice that purchases, stores, or administers drug products in-office is now subject to FDA supply chain compliance inspections — not just manufacturers, wholesale distributors, and pharmacies.

The Drug Products at Issue in Med Spa & Aesthetics Practices

If your practice purchases and administers any of the following, federal drug supply chain requirements apply to you — regardless of whether you operate a pharmacy:

Injectable & Aesthetic Treatments	Specialty & Emerging Products
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neurotoxins (Botox, Dysport, Xeomin, Daxxify) • Dermal fillers (Juvéderm, Restylane, Sculptra) • Kybella (deoxycholic acid) • Platelet-rich plasma (PRP) therapies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight loss medications (GLP-1s: semaglutide, tirzepatide) • Prescription-strength retinoids • Prescription-strength hydroquinone • Eyelash enhancers (Latisse / bimatoprost) • Peptide therapies (Ipamorelin, BPC-157, Sermorelin)

Why Enforcement Has Reached Med Spas

The DSCSA, enacted in 2013, was implemented in phases. For nearly a decade, enforcement focused on manufacturers, wholesalers, and national serialization systems. With those controls now in place, regulatory focus has shifted downstream to the final point in the supply chain: the practice itself.

***The proof point:** In January 2026, the FDA issued its first publicly documented inspection finding against a physician-owned aesthetics practice — a med spa in Texas — for failures in how injectable drug products were purchased, tracked, and documented. FDA investigators cross-referenced what the practice administered to patients against manufacturer shipment records. The gap was large enough to trigger a formal citation.*

These inspections are unannounced, data-driven, and based on real documentation — not policy statements. Investigators evaluate whether a practice can prove, with records in hand, that every product it administered came from an authorized, identifiable source.

What FDA Inspectors Now Evaluate

- Purchasing only from federally authorized vendors
- Documentation tying purchased product to administered product
- Alignment between purchase invoices, inventory logs, and treatment records
- Lot number and expiration date traceability
- Written procedures for managing questionable or quarantined product
- A defined, repeatable compliance process backed by written policies

Where Practices Are Exposed

Most practices do not fail due to intent. They fail due to execution.

- Vendor credentials assumed to be valid but never formally verified
- Breaks between purchasing records and usage documentation
- No reconciliation between what was purchased and what was administered
- Informal or inconsistent recordkeeping across staff and locations
- No written procedure for suspect or compromised product
- Product movement between locations without traceable documentation

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Bottom Line

FDA enforcement now includes med spas and aesthetics practices.

The question is not whether these requirements apply.

The question is whether you find the gaps before the FDA does.