

American Medical Spa Association Expands to Texas, Pacific Coast

Industry professionals in Texas and on the west coast can now access answers to questions such as "who can own a med spa", "who can inject Botox", and "does a physician need to see every patient prior to treatment?" on AmSpa's website <http://www.americanmedspa.org>.

Chicago, IL ([PRWEB](#)) November 26, 2013 -- The American Medical Spa Association ("AmSpa") <http://www.americanmedspa.org/resources/laws-regulations/>, in partnership with local health care attorneys, has recently expanded into Texas, Oregon, and Washington, adding in-depth summaries of the state-specific laws and regulations affecting med spas and laser centers for each state.

"We have received many questions from practitioners in Texas regarding the laws related to med spas," said Alex Thiersch, Founder and Director of AmSpa. "Providing guidance to med spas in Texas was a top priority for us."

According to AmSpa partners Stuart Miller and Scott Nichols of Strasburger <http://www.americanmedspa.org/texas/>, the laws in Texas are similar to other states that have a Corporate Practice of Medicine Doctrine which prohibits non-physicians from owning medical spas. And according to Miller and Nichols, "although Texas has not passed specific legislation or adopted particular rules governing medical spa operations, there has been heightened administrative action taken against licensed medical professionals related to unauthorized medical services being performed" and the failure to properly supervise medical services.

AmSpa partner Kurt Hansen of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt has summarized the state laws and regulations for both Oregon and Washington. Although Oregon <http://www.americanmedspa.org/oregon/> prohibits the corporate practice of medicine, according to Hansen, "it does not necessarily preclude non-physician ownership" of medical spas. But Oregon may soon be changing some of its rules. Historically, estheticians have been allowed to perform cosmetic laser procedures unsupervised but Oregon's Health Licensing Agency recently proposed a temporary ban on the use of lasers without physician supervision.

Washington <http://www.americanmedspa.org/washington/> has already tightened the rules, because there, according to Hansen, estheticians may not perform laser procedures without physician supervision. Washington also prohibits estheticians from injecting Botox and other fillers.

With the addition of Washington, and Oregon, and Texas, AmSpa currently has summaries of over 20 states posted on its website – with over twenty more states currently in development. AmSpa Founder and Director, Alex Thiersch, is thrilled that AmSpa is reaching such a wide audience. "Before AmSpa, it was often impossible to locate even basic information on regulatory issues in each state so I am really proud of our efforts – and we hope to have the laws summarized for all 50 states in the next few months."

According to Thiersch, AmSpa is planning to join forces with its west coast partners to host state-based med spa workshops and networking receptions in California, Oregon and Washington in 2014. "We just keep growing and we are really excited for the opportunity to expand into the west coast, where the med spa industry is booming."



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