

10.06.01 General Control Measures.

G. Use of Sterile Instruments or Equipment. An individual who performs a procedure that penetrates the skin or mucous membrane of another individual shall:

- (1) Utilize only sterile instruments or equipment for the procedure;
- (2) Discard, after a single use, in accordance with COMAR 10.06.06, 26.13.11, and 26.13.12, any instruments or equipment designed for single use; and
- (3) Clean and sterilize before reuse any instruments or equipment designed for multiple use.

H. Skin-Penetrating Body Adornment Procedures—Infection Control.

- (1) An individual who performs a skin-penetrating body adornment procedure shall:
 - (a) Disclose the risks of the procedure, obtain the client's written consent for the performance of the procedure or, in the case of a minor, the consent of the parent or guardian, and retain the consent on file for a period of 3 years and make it available to the health officer, if requested;
 - (b) Maintain records of the name of the customer, the date and type of procedure performed, and the technician performing the procedure for a period of 3 years and make these records available to the health officer, if requested;
 - (c) Perform the procedure in a separate, enclosed room that has adequate lighting, and floors, walls, and a ceiling that are constructed to be smooth, impervious, and washable;
 - (d) Use only sterile instruments, equipment, and bandages;
 - (e) Wash both hands using soap and running water and dry the hands using individual single-use towels before and after each procedure;
 - (f) Wear single-use disposable latex or vinyl gloves for each procedure and discard the gloves after the procedure is completed;
 - (g) Wear a gown and face shield, or goggles and a mask, if spattering of blood is likely to occur during the procedure;
 - (h) Cleanse the client's skin before and after the procedure;
 - (i) Discard, after a single use, in accordance with COMAR 10.06.06, 26.13.11, and 26.13.12, any instruments or equipment designed for single use or any blood-soiled article;
 - (j) Clean and sterilize before reuse any instruments or equipment designed for multiple use;
 - (k) Provide written after-care instructions to the client;
 - (l) Use universal precautions in all situations where exposure to blood or body fluids may occur and comply with all applicable State and federal laws and regulations regarding worker protection; and
 - (m) Post the following notice in a prominent place:

"NOTICE"

Any procedure that involves penetrating the skin, such as body piercing or tattooing, carries some risks.

The risks from such procedures include: pain, bleeding, swelling, infection at the site of the procedure, transmission of blood-borne infections, scarring, and nerve damage.

The technician performing your procedure should:

- * Obtain written consent for the procedure.
- * Properly wash his/her hands.
- * Cleanse your skin.
- * Use sterile instruments, equipment, and bandages.
- * Use proper technique to prevent infection at the site of the procedure.
- * Provide you with written instructions to tell you what to expect about healing and how you should care for the area after the procedure has been done."

(2) An individual who performs a procedure that penetrates the skin or mucous membrane may not:

- (a) Perform a procedure on skin or mucous membrane that has a rash, infection, or other lesion;
- (b) Perform a procedure when the person performing the procedure has an infected or bleeding lesion on the hands;
- (c) Use a styptic pencil or alum block to staunch bleeding; or
- (d) Reuse instruments or equipment intended for single use.

(3) The health officer may investigate complaints received regarding compliance with this section.