



# News Release

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## Medical Board Requires Physician Availability Regarding Elective Cosmetic Procedure

Sacramento- As of July 1, 2013 there is a new regulation when it comes to elective cosmetic procedures. Whenever a cosmetic procedure is done using a laser or an intense pulse light device, by a properly licensed health care provider, there shall be a properly trained physician immediately available. Immediately available means the physician must be reachable by electronic or telephonic means without delay. For more information on the new law go to [http://www.mbc.ca.gov/laws/regs\\_physician\\_availability\\_text.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/laws/regs_physician_availability_text.pdf)

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