



Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Office of Health Care Quality

Spring Grove Center • Bland Bryant Building
55 Wade Avenue • Catonsville, Maryland 21228-4663

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor - Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van T. Mitchell, Secretary

TO: Cosmetic Surgery Facility Administrators

FROM: Patricia Tomsko Nay, M.D. *Nay, PhD*
Executive Director, Office of Health Care Quality

DATE: March 2, 2015

RE: New Regulation -- COMAR 10.12.03 Cosmetic Surgical Facilities

This transmittal is to inform potential cosmetic surgery facilities about the regulations provided in COMAR 10.12.03 which will become effective July 1, 2015. "Cosmetic surgical facility" means an office or a facility in which a cosmetic surgical procedure is performed. Cosmetic surgical procedure means the use of surgical services to reshape the structure of a human body to change the appearance of an individual. Cosmetic surgical procedure does not include a procedure done under local anesthesia or mild sedation; or liposuction that removes less than 1,000 cubic centimeters of aspirate. It does not include providers who are licensed as hospitals or ambulatory surgery centers.

These regulations require facilities that perform cosmetic surgical procedures to obtain a license from the Department. The following licensing procedures are required for a facility that provides cosmetic surgery procedures:

- File a complete application on a form provided by the Department
- Pay the licensure fee set forth in COMAR 10.12.03.02
- Submit to an initial survey upon request by the Department
- Be in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations and be accredited as a cosmetic surgical facility by an approved accreditation organization.
- The licensee shall meet the standards for the operation of a cosmetic surgical center issued by the licensee's accreditation organization.

The new regulations were adopted pursuant to 19-3C-01 of the Health General Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. Information regarding these regulations is provided on the Department's website. Additionally, the Department will hold educational sessions to provide further clarification and guidance on the regulations.



Enclosed is a copy of the regulations.

Information regarding training opportunities will be posted on the OHCQ website at <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/ohcq/SitePages/Home.aspx>

For additional information regarding this regulation please contact Barbara Fagan, Program Manager, Ambulatory Care Unit, at Barbara.fagan@maryland.gov or [410-402-8040](tel:410-402-8040).