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IDPH INFORMATION NOTICE: 07-T1 Update on operating rules for tanning facilities

ADDRESSEES: Tanning facility operators

PURPOSE:

The Iowa Department of Public Health (BRH) is issuing this information notice to notify Iowa tanning facility operators of changes in the requirements for operation of a tanning facility. The changes are in effect immediately. No written response to this notice is required. All operators should read this notice and adjust their practices as needed.

DISCUSSION:

New Rules

46.5(8) states that the operator shall not allow a consumer to use the tanning device if that consumer does not use the required eyewear. To verify that a consumer has the proper eyewear, the operator must:

1. Ask to see the eyewear before the consumer enters the tanning room, OR
2. Provide disposable eyewear in the tanning room at all times.

46.5(9)d states that any tanning injury not requiring a physicians' care and any resulting changes in tanning sessions shall be noted in the consumer's file. A written report of any tanning injury requiring a physician's care shall be forwarded to the BRH within 5 working days of its occurrence or knowledge thereof.

46.5(9)g states that contact surfaces shall be:

1. Cleansed by the operator with a cleansing agent between each use, OR
2. Covered by a nonreusable protective material during each use, OR
3. Cleansed by the consumer provided the following conditions are met:
 - a. The operator instructs the consumer annually on how to properly cleanse the unit.
 - b. The consumer annually signs a statement stating that the consumer agrees to cleanse the unit after each use.
 - c. Signs are posted in each tanning room reminding the consumer to cleanse the unit after each use and stating the proper way to cleanse the unit.
 - d. The operator cleanses the unit at least once a day.

New requirements for electronically controlled facilities are attached.

Reminder:

All owner/managers must take the tanning operator test every five years with the county that does the inspections. If you have not taken the test within the last five years, please contact your county inspector. Starting January 1, 2008, permits to operate will not be renewed unless the testing has been completed.

Also, owner/managers are responsible for retesting all employees every five years. Records of testing will be reviewed by the inspectors.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Charlene Craig 515/281-0415. Our website is: www.idph.state.ia.us. Click on "A-Z Index," T, Tanning Facilities.

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Date