**Barber and Beautician Services**

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**Policy**

Residents in long-term care settings enjoy services including a barber and beautician. When these services are provided on-site the barber and/or beautician will follow rules subject to individual licensure, in addition to rules that pertain to long-term care settings.

**Procedures**

Long-term care settings shall maintain current copies of licensure for all barbers and beauticians providing services in their buildings. If a barber or beautician is an independent contractor, the building will also maintain copies of the barber or beautician’s liability insurance.

**According to IAC 645-63.11:**

* All licensees shall practice universal precautions consistently be observing the following:
	+ Hand hygiene shall be completed after smoking, eating, or using the restroom and before providing services to each resident. Hand sanitizers are not an acceptable substitute for hand washing.
	+ A biohazard sharps container shall be available for disposing of used needles, razor blades and other sharp instruments. Containers shall be located as close to the use area as is practical. Containers shall not be filled above designated “fill line” and shall be disposed of in accordance with guidelines for disposal of sharps.
	+ Disposable gloves shall be used when encountering residents with open sores. Gloves shall only be used on a single resident and shall be disposed of after service. Anytime gloves are used during service, hand hygiene shall be completed before and after glove use. If the barber or beautician deems necessary, they may refuse service to a resident with an open sore.
	+ If the barber or beautician has an open sore that cannot be effectively covered, they should refrain from providing services to residents.
	+ Instruments and implements shall be appropriate disinfected. Instruments and supplies that have been used on a resident or are soiled in any manner, shall be placed in an appropriate receptacle clearly labeled “used”. All used items shall be separate from items that are appropriately disinfected and ready for use. Disinfectant shall be stored in the dispensary. (Per long-term care rules, appropriate measures shall be taken to ensure resident safety from harmful chemicals.)

**According to IAC 645-63.12:**

* If a barber or beautician injures themselves, they shall take appropriate measures before returning to service:
	+ Stop service.
	+ Clean the injured area by washing with soap and water and use antiseptic or ointment as appropriate.
	+ In the case of mucous membrane exposure, wash or rinse the affected area with plenty of water.
	+ Cover the injury with the appropriate dressing.
	+ Clean the station as necessary by removing all debris and then cleaning the resident with an antiseptic that is appropriate for the skin and clean the station with disinfectant.
	+ Bag any blood-soiled porous articles and dispose of them in the trash. Wash and disinfect all nonporous items.
	+ Wash hands before returning to service.
* If an injury to a resident occurs, the barber or beautician should immediately stop service, assure the resident is in the safest possible state and notify a staff member immediately. The long-term care staff members will assist with appropriate measures related to the injury.
* If a resident is exposed to the barber or beautician’s blood or bodily fluids as a result of injury, the barber or beautician shall notify the charge nurse and the charge nurse will follow appropriate protocols for blood or body fluid exposure.

**According to IAC 645-63.13:**

* All nonporous tools and implements must be either disinfected or sterilized according to the requirements of this rule before use upon a resident.
* Disinfection:
	+ Immersion method – after each use, all immersible nonporous tools and implements shall be disinfected by cleaning the tools and implements followed by complete immersion in a disinfectant. Disinfectant solutions shall be mixed according to manufacturer label instructions. The manufacturer’s listed contact time for effectively eliminating all pathogens listed shall be adhered to at all times.
	+ Non-immersion method – after each use, any nonporous item that cannot be immersed in a disinfectant shall be cleaned with soap or detergent and water to remove all organic material and then sprayed or wiped with disinfect. Minimum disinfectant contact time as listed on the manufacturer’s label shall be followed. Non- immersible tools and implements include but are not limited to scissors, trimmers, clippers, handles of hair dryers and curling/flat irons.
	+ Disinfected implements shall be stored in a disinfected, dry, covered container and shall be isolated from contaminants. Such container shall be disinfected at least once each week and whenever visibly dirty.
	+ Electronic file bits shall not be utilized in a long-term care setting. If filing of resident’s finger or toenails needs completed, the long-term care staff should complete this task for the beautician or barber.
* Sterilization:
	+ Items that require sterilization will need to be brought to the long-term care building, in ample supply for all residents that are requiring sanitized equipment.
	+ The equipment will then need to be taken with the barber/beautician for sanitization at an off-site location.
	+ If items are utilized that require sterilization, the barber/beautician shall follow all standards of practice and manufacturer’s recommendations for sterilization of equipment.

**IAC 645-63.14:** Porous instruments and supplies that cannot be disinfected will be single use items only and will be discarded when finished using. These include but may not be limited to cotton pads, sponges, wooden applicators, emery boards, pumice stones, nail buffers, toe separators, and neck strips.

**IAC 645-63.20:** The long-term care facility will provide laundry services for all beautician and barber linens and will be washed in accordance with infection control principals included in the Linen policies and procedures. Clean linens will be returned to the beauty shop and will be stored in a clean closet/cupboard with a door to prevent contamination of clean linen.

**Resources**

IDPH. (2021, Aug. 25). *Iowa Administrative Code, Professional License Division – Chapter 63 Infection Control for Salons and Schools of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences.* <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/rules?agency=645&chapter=63>