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Proposed amendments to Peabody Board of Health Regulation “Body Piercing” and Peabody Board of Health Regulation “Tattooing.”

The proposed amended language below replaces section 3.2.2.4 in the regulations.

3.2.2.4

An applicant for a body art practitioner permit to perform body piercing and/or tattooing must provide evidence of a negative Tuberculosis test upon application. A negative Tuberculosis test must be provided every two years thereafter.

Hepatitis B Vaccination Status—Disclosure.

1.

A hepatitis B vaccination is highly recommended for all body art practitioners.

2.

An applicant for a body art practitioner license shall provide to the department, and shall provide to the owner of any body art establishment in which the applicant intends to perform or in which he does perform body art activity, valid documentation of his hepatitis B virus (HBV) vaccination status stating one of the following:

a.

Certification of completed vaccination;

b.

Laboratory evidence of immunity;

c.

Documentation stating the vaccine is contraindicated for medical reasons. Contraindication requires a dated and signed licensed health care professional's statement specifying the name of the body art practitioner license applicant employee and that the vaccine cannot be given; or,

d.

Certificate of vaccination declination of HBV, i.e. for medical or religious reasons as provided in M.G.L. Ch. 76, Sec. 15.

Rash, Lesion or Visible Sign of Infection - The skin of a body art practitioner shall be free of rash, any lesion or visible sign of infection. A body art practitioner shall not conduct any form of body art activity upon any area of a client that evidences the presence of any rash, lesion or visible sign of infection.