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Re: Proposed Rulemaking (Ref. No. 16A-424 (General Revisions))

Dear Ms. Sulpizio:

I recently was going through the PA Bulletin (May 26, 2001) and noticed the proposed rulemaking for barber shops. I have several comments which relate directly to the proposed rules and some which do not but feel that the Board should be aware of. My comments for Sec. 3.55 and 3.86 go to the same matter: The new wording of these sections requires that "All equipment and implements that come into contact with a patron's skin, scalp . . . shall be subject to the following procedure following each patron use:." My comment on this wording is to agree completely with the word "All." When I first read the original wording of the regulation I noticed that "neck dusters" did not have to be cleaned and sterilized after every patron. I assume that neck dusters are the brushes that the barbers or hair stylists use to brush the hair off the neck after the hair cut. I know that my hair stylist/cutter will also brush the hair off of my face with that same brush. The past two times that I have gone to her she has caused my face to break out because of brushing all the hair off of neck and face. The first time this happened, I was not aware of the cause of my skin blemish. The second time it occurred it was immediately after a haircut and I remembered that the same thing had happened 2 months earlier after a haircut. It had to have been caused by the brush because she did not touch my face otherwise with anything.

I make this comment to support the proposed changes. If there is any discussion or comments from persons who are opposed to cleaning and disinfecting of hair brushes or neck brushes after every patron, I hope my comment will be considered in full by the Board as to the health implications.

Sincerely,



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