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There has been an increased interest from body piercing technicians and the public in the procedure of microdermal piercing, sometimes referred to as microdermal implants or dermal anchors, and the applicability to WV Code § 16-37-2 and 64CSR80 – Body Piercing Studio Business.

After much discussion and a review by the WV Board of Medicine, it has been determined that microdermal piercing fits within the definition of body piercing in the WV Code § 16-37-2(c) which states “Body piercing” means to puncture the skin for the purpose of creating a hole to be decorated or adorned, but does not include the use of a mechanized, presterilized ear-piercing system that penetrates the outer perimeter or lobe of the ear or both.”

Therefore, microdermal piercing may be done in permitted studios under the requirements of the rule 64CSR80 - Body Piercing Studio Business. Persons that perform microdermal piercing must also obtain a Certificate of Registration as required in section 3.4. of the rule.

References    [Microdermal Implants - Wikipedia](#)  
[Microdermal Information – BMEzine Encyclopedia](#)

History

Attachments    [West Virginia Board of Medicine Opinion dated September 15, 2011](#)