Hawaii: the rules for aesthetic practice

What Hawaii's laws and boards say about who may do aesthetic treatments, who must supervise them, and who can own the practice.

Nurse practitioners: Full Practice Authority

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Full (AANP). The Board of Nursing grants prescriptive authority to APRNs who meet its education, national certification and advanced pharmacology requirements; they may prescribe and administer over-the-counter drugs, legend drugs and controlled substances within the Board's exclusionary formulary, but may not request, receive or sign for controlled-substance samples (HRS §457-8.6). No collaboration or physician supervision is required.

Delegating to RNs, estheticians and staff

The Board of Nursing's informal opinions (2016, reaffirmed 2019 and again in November 2024) say nursing laws don't specifically prohibit nurses from giving Botox or Dysport, dermal fillers, chemical peels or laser treatments, on orders from a provider (not only a physician). The Medical Board treats laser treatment as a medical procedure, so a nurse needs a provider's order for it. These opinions are informational and not binding. Esthetician scope was not checked in November 2026.

Who can own the practice

Hawaii professional corporations may be formed for medicine, nursing and other listed professions, may combine professions only where the licensing laws allow, and only people licensed for a service the corporation provides may own shares (HRS §415A-2, §415A-3, §415A-9). The Board of Nursing says what licenses a spa business needs is outside its purview. Whether a business owned by a non-physician may employ or contract physicians is not settled: no statute, board ruling or court decision on it was found. Confirm the entity type with a Hawaii healthcare attorney.

The biggest risk in Hawaii. The nursing board's position on cosmetic procedures is informal and not binding; keep provider orders and training records for every nurse-performed procedure.

Check it with your boards: Hawaii Board of Nursing - cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing and Hawaii Medical Board - cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/medical. Checked November 3, 2026. Rules change, so read the current rule on the board's own site before you act.

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1. I'm an RN in Hawaii. What has to be in place before I offer injectables?
2. What must my medical director agreement cover in Hawaii?
3. What can an esthetician do in Hawaii, and what needs an order?

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