Michigan: the rules for aesthetic practice

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

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Restricted (AANP). The Board of Nursing alone licenses NPs (MCL 333.17210). NPs prescribe non-scheduled drugs on their own; Schedule 2-5 controlled substances only as a delegated act of a physician, with both names and both DEA numbers on the prescription (MCL 333.17211a). Full practice bill HB 4399 (2025) was sent to the House Rules Committee with a substitute on November 5, 2025 and hasn't had a floor vote.

Delegating to RNs, estheticians and staff

A licensee may delegate a task within their own scope to a licensed or unlicensed person qualified by education, training or experience, done under the licensee's supervision, but not a task that needs the licensee's own level of education, skill and judgment (MCL 333.16215). A physician delegates procedures using surgical instruments only to licensed people. Boards may restrict delegation further. No Michigan board statement on cosmetic injections or lasers was checked in November 2026; ask the board before delegating them.

Who can own the practice

A Michigan corporation that provides physician services must be a professional corporation whose shareholders are licensed in the same health profession, except that physicians may join with DOs, podiatrists, chiropractors and PAs (MCL 450.1281, 450.1284). Nurses and NPs can't own shares in a medical PC. The rules for professional LLCs weren't read in the November 2026 check. Confirm the entity type with a Michigan healthcare attorney.

The biggest risk in Michigan. Prescribing controlled substances without a physician's delegation, and handing off work that needs the NP's own judgment.

Check it with your boards: Michigan Board of Nursing - michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/nursing and Michigan Board of Medicine - michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/medicine. 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 Michigan. What has to be in place before I offer injectables?
2. What must my medical director agreement cover in Michigan?
3. What can an esthetician do in Michigan, and what needs an order?

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