

Public Health Risk (Infection Control) Declaration Amendment 2001

INSTRUMENT NO. 184

I hereby make the following declaration amendment under section 18 of the *Public Health Act 1997*.

Dated 6 July 2001.

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Minister

1 Name of declaration

This declaration amendment is the *Public Health Risk (Infection Control) Declaration Amendment 2001*.

2 Commencement

This declaration commences on the day after the day this declaration is notified in the Gazette.

3 Amendment

This declaration amends the previous *Skin penetration – public health risk activity and procedures* declaration.

3 Definitions

In this declaration—

closed ear piercing means a process of ear piercing that is carried out on the lower lobe of the ear by means of an apparatus that does not come into contact with the skin and can be operated only by the use of sealed and pre-sterilised disposable fittings.

health care facility means a premises upon which **prescribed medical procedures** are carried out and/or a premise in which over night patient stays are provided prior to or after receiving medical treatment.

infection risk procedure means any process that involves the administration of make-up or other like substance on human skin or mucus membrane or any process that involves the insertion of instruments, equipment, foreign objects, substances or other matter inside a human body for cosmetic or therapeutic purposes.

prescribed medical procedures means procedures undertaken for medical or cosmetic reasons by a health care professional that involves:

- (a) the administration of a general, spinal, epidural or major regional block anaesthetic or intravenous sedative for the purpose of performing an elective procedure, but does not include mandibular blocks;
- (b) endoscopy;
- (c) dialysis, haemofiltration or haemoperfusion;
- (d) prolonged intravenous infusion of a single cytotoxic agent or sequential intravenous infusion of more than one cytotoxic agent; or
- (e) cardiac catheterisation.

test equipment means lancets, needles and other similar single-use devices used in the testing of glucose or cholesterol levels.

skin penetration procedure means any process that involves the piercing, cutting, puncturing, tearing of a living human body but does not include the cutting, shaving or dying of a person's hair or **closed ear piercing** or the use of **test equipment**.

4 Infection Control—public health risk activities and procedures

- (1) It is a licensable public health risk activity to operate, manage or control a business, charity, demonstration or service that carries out a *skin penetration procedure*.

- (2) It is a non-licensable public health risk activity to manage or control a business, charity, demonstration or service that carries out an *infection risk procedure*.

- (3) It is not a licensable public health risk procedure to perform any *skin penetration procedure*.

6 Health Care Facilities – Exempt

This declaration does not apply to a *health care facility*.

[Note: A licensed health care facility will not be required to obtain a licence under this declaration or comply with an associated Infection Control Code of Practice unless it is a condition of that health care facilities licence.]