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Policy Statement on Microblading

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Over the past 50 years, tattooing has evolved from a stereotyped subculture to a common place in the U.S. 21% of adults have a tattoo, which has increased from 16% in 2003 (Braverman 2012). The use of permanent cosmetics and more specifically microblading has also risen in popularity during this time. Microblading is a relatively new type of permanent cosmetic procedure that falls under the definition of tattooing. Microblading is performed with a

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Other complications that can occur from eyebrow tattooing include reactions resulting in noninfectious or infectious granulomas (raised and reddened tissue) that can spread beyond the tattooed area (Greywa & Cohen, 2016; Ro & Lee, 1991). Granuloma reactions can occur regularly and without warning. Previous skin tattoos in other areas have not been shown to predict or influence the

ineffective aftercare are major risk factors for tattoo related infections (Dieckman et al., 2016).

Increased regulation of tattooing has been shown to decrease incidents of infection and

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