



In-home Services

In-home services are barbering and cosmetology (including skin care and nail care) services that are administered for compensation in a consumer's home rather than a licensed establishment or an approved school.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 7318, a licensee may provide services outside of a licensed establishment when necessary due to the illness or other physical or mental incapacitation of the recipient of the service, and when performed by a licensee obtained for the purpose from a licensed establishment. However, effective October 1, 2021, certain in-home services may be provided to any individual if the licensee has a Personal Service Permit (PSP). A PSP allows licensees to provide limited services outside of licensed establishments if they meet certain requirements.

The services that may be performed outside of a licensed establishment by a licensee who holds a PSP are as follows:

Barber:

- Shampooing.
- Cutting, styling, dressing, arranging, curling and waving hair. These authorized services do not include singeing, relaxing, chemically waving, or dyeing the hair.
- Applying hair tonics.
- Applying powders, clays, antiseptics, and oils to the scalp, face, or neck.
- Trimming the beard.

Cosmetologist:

- Shampooing.
- Cutting, styling, dressing, arranging, curling and waving hair. These authorized services do not include singeing, relaxing, chemically waving, or dyeing the hair.
- Applying hair tonics.
- Applying powders, clays, and oils to the scalp, face, or neck.
- Cleaning, massaging, or stimulating the face and neck by means of the hands with the use of cleansing agents, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams. This does not include chemical exfoliation or exfoliation with the use of a tool, machine, or device.
- Removing hair from the body of any person with tweezers.
- Applying make-up or strip lashes.
- Buffing and filing nails with nonelectrical tools.
- Applying and removing nail polish.

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Esthetician:

- Cleaning, massaging, or stimulating the face and neck by means of the hands with the use of cleansing agents, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams. This does not include chemical exfoliation or exfoliation with the use of a tool, machine, or device.
- Applying make-up or strip lashes.
- Removing hair from the body of any person with tweezers.

Manicurist:

- Filing and buffing of nails by nonelectrical tools.
- Applying and removing nail polish.

Q What should I do if I am incapacitated and need in-home services?

A Contact a licensed establishment and ask if they have licensees available to provide in-home services. If so, schedule an appointment. Be sure to tell the staff what medications you are taking, any disabilities you have, and any special accommodations you may need. You may also contact a licensee who has a Personal Service Permit if the service you are requesting is listed above.

Q Can patients in convalescent homes have in-home services performed?

A Yes. Patients in convalescent homes can have in-home services performed. If you are in a convalescent home, follow the steps provided in the answer above. You may also contact a licensee who has a Personal Service Permit if the service you are requesting is listed above.

Q Can a licensee provide in-home hair styling services for my wedding?

A A licensee can provide in-home hair styling services if the licensee has a Personal Service Permit.

