



## BOTOX PARTIES

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### ISSUE

Does state law allow a physician licensed in another state to administer cosmetic neurotoxins (i.e., botox) in a Connecticut resident's home?

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Connecticut law prohibits the practice of in-home "botox parties" at which a health care provider administers botox to a person in his or her home. The ban applies to health care providers licensed in Connecticut and other states. By law, cosmetic procedures, including botox administration, must be performed (1) in a medical spa or licensed health care facility and (2) by a Connecticut-licensed health care provider within his or her scope of practice.

In 2014, the legislature enacted specific requirements for cosmetic procedures performed in medical spas ([PA 14-119](#)). Specifically, medical spas must employ or contract with a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse to oversee the administration of cosmetic procedures and perform an initial assessment of a person before he or she can receive a botox injection. Only these providers or a registered nurse can administer botox. Additionally, these providers must be (1) licensed in Connecticut, (2) be actively practicing in the state, (3) have specified education or training in performing cosmetic procedures, and (4) have experience performing these procedures (CGS § [19a-903c](#)).

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