**44:12:01:16.  Sterilization methods.** Equipment requiring sterilization must be sterilized by using the method of steam pressure sterilization with at least 15 pounds of pressure per square inch at a temperature of 250 degrees Fahrenheit in an autoclave for the length of time instructed in the manufacturer's operational manual. The temperature must be certified by a chemical indicator which is attached to the autoclave bag and turns color when the required temperature has been reached. A tattoo or saline tattoo removal establishment owner or operator shall provide lab result slips that state that each autoclave has been bacteriologically tested monthly with commercially prepared packets of *Bacillus stearothermophilus* or another *Bacillus* species and has passed the test. Each lab result slip must be available for inspection and kept for at least one year. Dry heat is not an acceptable method of sterilization for the purpose of this article.

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