Naturopathic medicine is not licensed by the State Medical Board. However, if they receive complaints about a naturopath, they will investigate. Naturopathy (also known as naturopathic medicine or natural medicine) is an eclectic alternative medical system that focuses on natural remedies.

Naturopaths cannot diagnose an illness or prescribe medicine. They may RECOMMEND a natural remedy though. If you have questions, please contact the State of Ohio Medical Board at (614) 466-3934. Information is also available on-line at http://med.ohio.gov.

Questions about federal cosmetic laws should be directed to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration at (888) 463-6332. Detailed information about federal labeling requirements is on-line at www.fda.gov.

Use of the titles “Nutritionist,” “Nutrition Counselor,” or similar terms indicate you are practicing dietetics. If you use these titles, you must be a licensed dietitian.

Unless you are a licensed dietitian, or properly exempted by the Ohio Board of Dietetics, you may not: “perform nutritional assessments; recommend nutritional intake; engage in nutritional counseling; recommend or modify a medical nutrition therapy regimen; perform nutritional education; hold self out as a nutritional expert; provide professional nutrition training of other staff; [or] act in any matter related to direct nutrition care which requires judgment or decision making” (Ohio Board of Dietetics). The Ohio Board of Dietetics can be reached at (614) 466-3291. Information is also available on-line at http://dietetics.ohio.gov.

If you will offer physical therapy contact the State of Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board at (614) 466-3774, or (877) 644-6826. Information is also on-line at http://otptat.ohio.gov.

If you will offer massage, cosmetic therapy, or acupuncture or electrolysis services, contact the State of Ohio Medical Board at (614) 466-3934. Information is also on-line at http://med.ohio.gov.

If you will offer tanning or esthetic salon services, you must be licensed by the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology. Contact the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology at (614) 466-3834. Information and forms are also on-line at www.cos.ohio.gov.
If you will sell upholstered or stuffed items, contact the Ohio Department of Commerce’s Division of Industrial Compliance, Bedding and Upholstered Furniture Section for licensing information. They can be reached at (614) 644-2223. The Ohio Department of Commerce is on-line at www.com.state.oh.us/dico. *Remember to check local government agencies.*

If you will sell food, herbs or beverages, contact your local health department for licensing and inspection information.

Weighing and measuring devices must be inspected. Contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Division of Weights and Measures at (614) 728-6290 www.agri.ohio.gov or YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR.

Contact the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for information about the proper disposal of hazardous and solid waste. The EPA can be reached at (614) 644-3020 for General Inquiries or (800) 329-7518 for Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention. The Ohio EPA is also on-line at www.epa.state.oh.us.*Remember to check local government agencies.*

If retail sales are made, you must have a VENDOR’S LICENSE from YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR’S OFFICE. Information is also on-line at http://business.ohio.gov.

If you have questions about what or when food and beverage sales are taxable, contact the Ohio Department of Taxation at (888) 405-4039 for Business Tax Assistance; (888) 405-4089 for Tax Registration; or (800) 282-1782 for the Forms Request Line. Information is also on-line at http://www.tax.ohio.gov. *Remember to check local government agencies.*

Ohio’s Food, Drug, Cosmetic and Device law can be found in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3715. The ORC can be found in your local library or on-line at http://codes.ohio.gov/orc.

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

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