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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Asotin County

In February 2013 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Yvonne D. Boyd** (RN00171460). In May 2012 the Idaho Nursing Board revoked her Idaho nursing license for not complying with a substance abuse monitoring program and for testing positive multiple times for hydrocodone use.

Clark County

In February 2013 the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of surgical technologist **Jeremy A. Kennedy** (ST60001647). He didn't comply with an agreement to comply with a substance abuse monitoring program and tested positive for morphine use.

Jefferson County

In February 2013 the Chiropractic Commission suspended the credential of chiropractor **Keith David Meyer** (CH60131354) for at least six months and fined him \$5,000. In January 2011 Meyer performed a cervical adjustment on a patient in her home. Later that evening the patient suffered a cerebrovascular accident and treatment was delayed because of inadequate evaluation and treatment records. The commission didn't charge that Meyer caused the accident.

King County

In February 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Lisa A. Arneson** (RN00087619) and fined her \$3,000. She practiced nursing in Washington after 2007 when her credential expired.

In February 2013 the Medical Commission continued the suspension of physician **Cynthia M. Smyth** (MD00033399). In January 2013 she agreed to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program which will recommend when she can return to medical practice.

In February 2013 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Kelly Ilene Richardson-Arellano** (LP00042925) for at least 24 months and fined her \$1,000. She didn't comply with an agreement to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Spokane County

In February 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Robin Marie Pena** (RN60219122). In October 2012 she surrendered her Alaska nursing credential to the Alaska Nursing Board after she was charged with falsifying an application and chemical dependency.

Out of State

Arizona: In January 2013 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Benson Chege Kiarie** (RN60313559). The Arizona Nursing Board revoked his Arizona credential. They found that he didn't properly record medications in patient records and had repeatedly removed narcotics from the automatic dispensing system that were not prescribed for patients or were higher doses than what was prescribed.

California: In February 2013 the Veterinary Board of Governors revoked the credential of veterinarian **Herbert Loki Ho** (VT00002317) for 10 years and denied his application to reactivate his Washington license, which expired in 1991. The board based its decision on the voluntary surrender of his British Columbia license and his California license revocation for negligence and incompetence.

Colorado: In February 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Joann Mary Storer** (RN00172738). In October 2012 she surrendered her nursing credential to the Alaska Nursing Board.

Delaware: In February 2013 the Medical Commission immediately suspended the credential of physician **Cristian Andronic** (MD00043374). In September 2012 the Delaware Medical Board suspended his license in that state. He was criminally charged with first-degree unlawful imprisonment, resisting arrest, menacing, and offensive touching.

Florida: In February 2013 the Nursing Commission ordered that the suspension for registered nurse **Jay W. Rydberg** (RN00168233) continue indefinitely. Before being reinstated, he must submit proof of psychiatric treatment for at least one year and meet additional requirements designed to ensure that he can practice with reasonable skill and safety.

Indiana: In February 2013 the Nursing Commission ordered that the suspension for registered nurse **Maureen A. Merritt** (RN00174196) continue indefinitely. Before being reinstated, she must submit evidence of being clean and sober for at least 24 consecutive months.

Mississippi: In February 2013 the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of dentist **Thomas L. Demoss**. He didn't respond to a patient's request for records or to a department investigator's inquiry. He also was reported to have performed two root canal treatments inadequately.

New Mexico: In February 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Michel Darcy King**, also known as **Michel Schreiner** (RN60124662). In June 2012 the New Mexico Nursing Board revoked her credential for reporting to work under the influence of alcohol. In August 2012 the Oregon Nursing Board accepted the voluntary surrender of her license, also for practicing nursing while impaired.

North Carolina: In February 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Fulani Tammy Michelle** (RN00167230). In April 2011 the Iowa Board of Nursing indefinitely suspended her credential based on a criminal theft conviction for breaking into her former workplace to steal narcotics.

Oregon: In February 2013 the Medical Commission immediately suspended the credential of physician **Ronald H. Killen** (MD00024467). In July 2012 he voluntarily withdrew medical practice while under investigation by the Oregon Medical Board. Oregon's investigation found that he was fired for unprofessional conduct including not documenting or being prepared to provide appropriate medications, difficulty with memory, and extremely slow movements while executing anesthesia. In December 2012 the Louisiana Medical Board suspended his medical license in that state.

Texas: In February 2013 the Occupational Therapy Practice Board indefinitely suspended the credential of occupational therapy assistant **Ron Eugene Rice** (OC60281763). He didn't comply with an agreement to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program.

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