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Anacortes pharmacist and pharmacy suspended for multiple violations

OLYMPIA — The credentials of a pharmacist in Anacortes and his pharmacy have been immediately suspended for multiple violations that put patients at risk for serious harm. The action by the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission and the state Department of Health mean pharmacist John M. Thompson (PHRM.PH.00011751) and his Fidalgo Pharmacy Services, Inc. (PHAR.CF.00056252) cannot practice until the charges are resolved.

Fidalgo Pharmacy Services, Inc. got unsatisfactory inspection ratings and violated multiple rules and regulations, according to charging documents. Thompson is the responsible pharmacy manager and owner. Fidalgo Pharmacy Services is also known as Medicap Pharmacy.

Pharmacy inspectors allegedly found outdated stock, incomplete logs of compounded drugs, incorrect prescription expiration dates, non-sterile conditions in the compounding area, and substandard refrigeration. The inspection noted several infection control and sanitation problems. Thompson is also charged with improperly accepting controlled substances from nursing home facilities and with removing expired medications from the pharmacy to hide them from pharmacy inspectors and returning the medications to the pharmacy stock after inspectors left.

Thompson and the pharmacy have 20 days to respond to the allegations.

The documents can be seen online by clicking “[Look up a health care provider](#)” on the [Department of Health website](#). Copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That number can also be used to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission regulates pharmacists in Washington. The Commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards

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