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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.

Grant County

In August 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Magdalena Alvarez** (NC60045017) for two years. Alvarez also convicted of third-degree theft in March 2012. She didn't respond to inquiries from a Department of Health investigator.

In September 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Aaron W. Ireland** (RN00152826). He didn't follow the terms of his alcohol and drug monitoring contract.

King County

In August 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Divina Zabala** (NC10004646) for two years. Zabala restrained a vulnerable adult and locked the person in their bedroom at night while working at an adult family home.

In September 2013 the secretary of health issued a permanent cease and desist order to **David Yount**, who provided massage treatment to a client even though he has no massage license.

In September 2013 the Department of Health suspended the credential of surgical technologist **Ken R. Welling** (ST00000019) for five years. From 2001 to 2011, Welling billed five insurance companies and several clients directly for at least \$4.4 million of surgical services he didn't do. He threatened to send at least one client to collections for not paying a bill for services he didn't provide. Welling was convicted of first degree theft and six counts of second degree theft.

In September 2013 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery withdrew charges against **Susan Lee Mercer** (OP00001089).

In September 2013 the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Graham R. Lord** (VA00050833). Lord took hydrocodone from his former employer, and failed to cooperate with an investigation.

Pierce County

In September 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Danelle Jo Boon** (NA60039609) for five years. Boon wrote checks for at least \$550 on a patient's account without their permission while working at an adult family home.

In September 2013 **Sun Qiang** agreed to a cease and desist order issued by the secretary of health. Qiang owned and operated two massage businesses without a license.

In September 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of agency affiliated counselor **Vicky Lynn Shumaker** (CG60164199) for 10 years. Shumaker was convicted of first-degree theft. Shumaker's sentence prohibits her working with vulnerable adults for 10 years.

In September 2013 **Hui Ying Yan** agreed to a cease and desist order issued by the secretary of health. Yan owned and operated two massage businesses without a license.

Snohomish County

In September 2013 the Dental Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of dental assistant **Cynthia Janean Stokes** (D160221561) for six months. She stole two prescription slips from her employer and gave them to a male acquaintance she'd known for only a week after meeting him on the Internet.

In September 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Deborah A. Cook** (RN00051570). She withdrew from a required drug and alcohol monitoring program.

Spokane County

In August 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Shawn M. Stites** (NC60175752) for three years. Stites was bathing an elderly Alzheimer's patient and stuffed a washcloth down a patient's mouth to stop them from screaming.

In September 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Anna Marie Lopez** (NA00185858) for 10 years. Lopez tried to renew her expired credential but in the last 10 years she was convicted of assault, 15 counts of forgery, and third-degree theft.

Out of State

Alaska: In September 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Gerald Bruce Ensley** (RN00044064) pending further disciplinary action. Ensley's application to reinstate his license was denied by the Alaska Nursing Board after he lied about finishing competency activities.

California: In September 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Stephen M. Kelly** (RN00161556) pending further disciplinary action. His license was suspended in Ohio for unprofessional conduct.

Idaho: In September 2013 the Dental Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credentials of dentist and dental general anesthetist **John W. Morrison** (DE00011204 and GA60004326). He retired and didn't meet the terms of a previous order.

Indiana: In September 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Tiffany M. McCloud** (LP00057546) pending further disciplinary action. McCloud's license was indefinitely suspended in Indiana.

Oklahoma: In September 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Quentin A. Rozzell** (RN00164034). He didn't turn-in documents showing that he completed a required program after his license was revoked for five years by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

Oregon: In September 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Louis J. Schippers** (RN00068890) pending further disciplinary action. The Oregon State Board of Nursing suspended Schippers' license after he didn't promptly help a patient who fell and didn't properly note the incident in the patient's record.

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