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## **Seattle massage practitioner suspended due to sexual misconduct charges**

**OLYMPIA** — A Seattle massage practitioner has been immediately suspended on charges of sexual misconduct after allegedly touching several patients inappropriately.

State health officials took action against David Morris Barr (MA60091208) based on several charges. Barr was allegedly terminated by his employer in September 2012 for inappropriately touching female clients. Barr then opened and operated his own massage practice where he allegedly failed to properly drape clients, exposing their bodies, and massaged their inner thighs, close to the groin. He also allegedly touched client's breasts and pressed his crotch against one client's feet and head.

Barr cannot practice in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and to ask for a hearing.

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

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