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Mental condition leads to suspension of Spokane nursing assistant's license

OLYMPIA — State health officials have indefinitely suspended the credential of Spokane County nursing assistant Marjorie Ann Surdez (NAC.NC.10092247) after determining that a mental condition prevents her from practicing with reasonable skill and safety.

Since October 2013, Surdez has received in-patient treatment for mental health issues on several occasions after she's threatened harm to herself and others. During the Department of Health investigation Surdez, admitted to an investigator that she had thoughts of ending the lives of elderly patients in her care if she had the opportunity.

The department immediately suspended Surdez' credential on January 29 and she waived her opportunity for a hearing. She cannot ask to be reinstated unless a psychological evaluation finds that she can practice safely.

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's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington."

The state Department of Health, Nursing Assistant Program regulates Certified Nursing Assistants and Registered Nursing Assistant's in Washington. The program establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms and discipline. Rules, policies and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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