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Port Townsend nurse suspended for stealing meds, practicing without license

OLYMPIA — A Jefferson County registered nurse was immediately suspended by health officials for allegedly practicing without a valid license and diverting drugs.

The Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) and the state Department of Health took the action against Elizabeth Whittaker (RN.RN.00077715) based on charges that she provided home nursing care to a man while her license was lapsed. She's also accused of filling oxycodone and zolpidem titrate prescriptions under the patient's name and taking them for her personal use.

Whittaker has 20 days to answer the charges and ask for a hearing. She cannot work as a registered nurse until the charges are resolved and she regains her license.

Legal documents for this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to "[Provider Credential Search](#)" on the [agency home page](#).

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety in Washington by regulation of nursing practice. The commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency, and discipline.

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