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Mason County chiropractor suspended after allegations of drug diversion

OLYMPIA — State health officials have immediately suspended the license of Mason County chiropractor Norman Collins on charges of diverting medications for personal use.

He allegedly took a patient's lorazepam, methadone, morphine, and oxycodone without permission. Collins is accused of taking controlled substances belonging to two of his friends. He's also been criminally charged in Mason County Superior Court with theft and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Collins can't practice in Washington until the charges are resolved and he has 20 days to respond to the charges and ask for a hearing.

The documents in this case 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 Department of Health and Chiropractic Commission protect and promote public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency and commission establish, monitor, and enforce qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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