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Impairment causes suspension of Seattle psychiatrist's license

OLYMPIA — The Medical Quality Assurance Commission has immediately suspended the medical license of Seattle psychiatrist Kathryn A. Neraas (MD00029993) pending further disciplinary proceedings.

Neraas can't practice medicine or prescribe medications in Washington until the charges are resolved. She has 20 days to respond to the charges and to request a hearing.

The charges say Neraas has an impairment that prevents her from being able to practice medicine safely. She didn't enter a monitoring agreement with the Washington Physicians Health Program as part of an agreed order and continued to prescribe controlled substances after signing the agreed order in June of this year saying she would stop.

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

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