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Charges resolved against Whitman County registered nurse

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and the state Department of Health entered an order resolving charges against registered and advanced practice registered nurse practitioner Susan Bowen-Small (RN 00082859 and AP30004008).

In February 2014, state health officials immediately suspended the nursing credentials of Bowen-Small due to charges that she didn't meet the standard of care and record keeping requirements for patient pain management.

The order restores Bowen-Small's ability to practice as a registered nurse, subject to restrictions designed to protect the public and ensure patient safety. Her advanced registered nurse practitioner license remains suspended until she passes a competence assessment administered by the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians.

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

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and the Department of Health 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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