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Mason County chiropractor reinstated after allegations of drug diversion

OLYMPIA — The license of a Mason County chiropractor that had been immediately suspended in August has been reinstated by state health officials, who also put him on probation.

Norman Collins stole a patient’s lorazepam, methadone, morphine, and oxycodone on multiple occasions between May and June 2014. He took controlled substances belonging to two of his friends for personal use. Collins has been criminally charged in Mason County Superior Court with third-degree theft and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

His license will be placed on probation and his practice will be monitored. Collins is required to complete continuing education and can only provide chiropractic treatment in a clinic setting during the term of his probation. And Collins must be assessed by a drug and alcohol monitoring program and comply with any requirements.

The legal 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.

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