



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Clark County**

In July 2014, the secretary of health immediately suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant, **Jean A. Bautista** (NC60300678) after the Department of Social and Health Services found that she had financially exploited a vulnerable adult. Bautista is now prohibited from being employed in the care and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults. The secretary of health then suspended Bautista in October for five years. Bautista received checks from a vulnerable adult in her care to buy food and daily hygiene items because the patient was unable to shop on her own. Bautista altered these checks to make them a larger amount than what had been written and kept the excess money for her own use. In January 2014 Bautista was arrested for the crimes of theft and forgery and in March 2014, she pled guilty and was convicted of second degree theft, a class C felony.

In July 2014, the secretary of health immediately suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Nicole Marie Eddy** (NC60312321) pending further disciplinary action. The Department of Social and Health Services found that Eddy had financially exploited a vulnerable adult and have prohibited her from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults. In September 2014 the secretary suspended Eddy's credential for three years, completing the legal action started in July.

In July 2014, the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of massage practitioner **Rostislav V. Izhevskiy** (MA60124536). In June of 2011, Izhevskiy was convicted of first degree criminal impersonation, which is a class C felony. Izhevskiy didn't notify the Department of Health of his conviction. In August 2013, he was convicted of criminal trespass for entering a residence without permission and custodial assault for entering a residence without permission and criminal trespass for assaulting a jail guard while in custody for the criminal trespass. Before Izhevskiy is allowed to request license reinstatement, he must be evaluated by a psychologist or psychiatrist.

In July 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Lemuel Magro Riano** (NA60202703). While employed at the Gelilas Adult Family Home in Vancouver, WA, Riano had sexual contact with two residents of the home. Both residents relied on caregivers for perineal care and assistance with activities of daily living. Riano struck another resident in the head and kissed yet another resident on the lips.

In July 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Teresa Marie Meyer** (NC60285192) for at least two years. In April 2014, the Department of Social and Health Services found that Meyer had financially exploited a vulnerable adult and has prohibited her from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults. In November 2013, Meyer stole medication from a resident she was caring for at Glenwood Place Senior Living. Before petitioning to have her license reinstated Meyer must provide satisfactory evidence of being clean and sober for at least two consecutive years.

### **Jefferson County**

In July, the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Elizabeth Ann Whittaker**. Between May 2012 and January 2014, Whittaker represented herself as being a registered nurse with an active credential when in fact her registered nursing credential expired in December 2010. Whittaker provided home health care nursing services to a patient, ordering and administering medication and providing that patient with catheter and wound care. Whittaker filled prescriptions for oxycodone and zolpidem titrate even though the patient was allergic to oxycodone and had never received the zolpidem titrate. The fraudulent filling of prescriptions continued until January 2014 when Whittaker moved away from the patient's home.

### **King County**

In July 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Amanda Caballero** (NC60314330) who falsified charts to reflect that she had tested a patient's blood sugar when in fact, she had not. Caballero cannot petition for her credential to be reinstated for at least one year.

In July 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a permanent cease-and-desist order to **Hui Jiang** who provided massage services to a client without holding a license to practice massage in Washington. Jiang must also pay a civil fine of \$1,000.00 and cannot practice massage in the state until obtaining the required health care credential.

In July 2014, the secretary of health withdrew the notice of intent to issue a cease-and-desist order against **Guiqin Jin**.

### **Kitsap County**

In July 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Edward J. Miley** (RN00092541) after he filled prescriptions for Ambian and Lisinopril, which appeared to be written by a physician but were not.

In July 2014, the secretary of health immediately suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Araceli T. Ramirez-Onstad** (NC60044857) pending further disciplinary action. In June 2014, Ramirez-Onstad was found by the Department of Social and Health Services to have mentally abused a vulnerable adult and has subsequently been prohibited from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults. In September 2014 the secretary suspended Ramirez-Onstad's credential indefinitely, completing the legal action started in July.

### **Lewis County**

In July 2014, the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Karyn M. Rowe** (LP6023048) for at least one year after she was charged with taking the iPad of a resident she was caring for at a nursing rehabilitation center for her own personal use. She was charged with third degree theft and the Department of Social and Health Services issued a notice against Rowe for financially exploiting a vulnerable adult. This notice prohibits Rowe from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Okanogan County**

In July 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Carrie E. Hurley** (NC10069956) for at least two years. Before petitioning for reinstatement, Hurley must show that she has been clean and sober for at least two years. In July 2013, Hurley tested positive for alcohol in an employment-related drug test. Hurley admitted to a Department of Health investigator that she'd gone out for drinks prior to her shift on July 12, 2013. In 2010, Hurley was found by the Department of Social and Health Services to have exploited a vulnerable adult. Hurley took a vehicle belonging to the vulnerable adult for her own personal

use and also accepted furniture and gifts. She is no longer permitted to be employed in the care of or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Pierce County**

In July 2014, the Dental Commission suspended the credential of dental assistant **Jennifer Mikele Compton** (D160029782) for at least one year for not complying with an agreement to enroll and participate in the Washington Health Professional Services monitoring program.

In July 2014, the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Earl R. Easterday** (LP00031227). While employed at a skilled nursing facility Easterday provided care to a patient by himself even though the care plan clearly stated that there had to be two caregivers at all times. He also failed to document in the medical record that he had administered a nebulizer treatment for this patient. Easterday is also accused of making false entries in the medical records of three residents.

In July 2014, the secretary of health accepted the surrendered licenses from chemical dependency professional and agency affiliated counselor **Julie A. Heter** (CP 60109621 and CG60140633). Between April and June 2012, Heter provided counseling services to an inmate at Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center. After this inmate was released, Heter allowed the inmate to move into her home, and they had a sexual relationship.

In July 2014, the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **William Walter Wiles** (LP00044255) after he didn't enter into a contract with Washington Health Professional Services as was required by a February 2014 stipulation.

### **Whitman County**

In May 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of mental health counselor **Marcie L. Gilliland** (LH00007651) after she didn't comply with the conditions of a March 2014 agreed order.

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