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Thurston County nurse barred from practicing in the state

OLYMPIA — Thurston County registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner Sharol L. Chavez (RN00127449, AP30004745) surrendered her credentials as she faced charges of sub-standard care in authorizing medical marijuana and prescribing narcotics.

While treating patients with chronic pain, Chavez failed to adequately review their medical histories, conduct physical examinations, and consider other treatment options before authorizing medical marijuana and/or prescribing oxycodone.

By surrendering her registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner licenses, Chavez agrees never to practice as a nurse again in Washington. The legal process that started with the immediate suspension of her credentials in October 2013 is complete.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking “[Look up a health care provider](#)” on the [agency's 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.

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