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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). 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 February 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Angela P. Winther** for not complying with an order requiring her to enter into the Washington Health Professional Services program. This was a condition of granting her credential. Winther withdrew herself from the program after failing a random drug test and failing to check in with the program in June 2013.

Franklin County

In February 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Carlos J. Perez-Leon, Jr.** (NC60204459 and NA00136982) for at least 10 years. At the time of the suspension he faced criminal second degree rape charges .

Grant County

In November 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Wendy Sue Johnson** (LP60252936). She was criminally charged with third

degree theft. The Department of Social and Health Services issued a finding against Johnson prohibiting her from being employed in the care of or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults. The finding was issued after she was found to have exploited two residents in her care at the Summer Wood Alzheimer's Special Care Center when she took tramadol belonging to them.

Grays Harbor

In February 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of respiratory care practitioner **Alisa R. Garcia** (LR00002924) for at least six months. To petition for reinstatement, Garcia must pay a fine of \$5,000.000. She may also be placed on probation for up to two years.

Island County

In October 2014 the secretary of health issued a permanent cease and desist order against **Vanita C. Gracia-Brown** prohibiting her from advertising or engaging in any and all conduct constituting the practice of massage in the state of Washington. Gracia-Brown engaged in unlicensed practice of massage when she represented herself as a massage therapist on the social media site LinkedIn and provided a massage to at least one client in 2013. Gracia-Brown isn't licensed to practice massage in Washington.

King County

In November 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Patricia R. Carr** (RN00152118). While employed at Northwest Hospital & Medical Center/UW Medicine, Carr didn't check a patient's blood pressure but administered medication that was not to be given if the patient's blood pressure was below 90. With another patient, she left a syringe of Dextrose 50 percent in the patient's catheter line and left used needles and alcohol wipes on the floor with overflowing garbage. In another instance she didn't give medication to a patient but insisted she did until she realized she still had the patient's medication in her pocket. This patient also complained of Carr's unsanitary practices.

In November 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Bernadette Better Carter**, aka **Bernadette Better Israel** (RN00140529) because she didn't comply with an order requiring her to participate in the Washington Health Professional Services monitoring program.

In November 2014 the Nursing Commission ordered registered nurse **Susanne K. Wieand** (RN00084762) to enter into the Washington Health Professional Services monitoring program. Wieand must enroll at her own cost and participate until the monitoring program determines participation is no longer necessary.

Okanogan County

In January 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Lisa R. Rieb** (NC60325671) after she didn't comply with terms and conditions of an agreement.

Pierce County

In November 2014 the Nursing Commission permanently revoked the credential of licensed practical nurse **Bilinda M. Hunter** (LP00049336), who owned and operated an adult family home in Tacoma, Washington. Hunter didn't properly administer medication to patients in her care or keep accurate records tracking controlled substances such as Fentanyl, oxycodone, and Vicodin. Hunter also submitted falsified documents during the investigation.

In August 2014 the secretary of health permanently revoked the credential of registered nursing assistant **Ian R. Muigai** (NA60421267) after he was criminally charged with second degree attempted rape, indecent liberties, and unlawful imprisonment. These charges stemmed from a complaint that Muigai kept another caregiver at a retirement community where he was employed from leaving a resident's room and forcibly touched his co-worker and forced her to touch him.

In February 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a cease and desist agreed order to **Jasmine Thao Wall**, who engaged in conduct that constituted unlicensed practice of medicine.

Snohomish County

In February 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Fatomatta Njie** (NA60121295) for at least 10 years. In January 2013, Njie was sentenced to six months in jail after pleading guilty to one count of first degree theft and one count of first degree trafficking in stolen property. As a part of her sentence, Njie is prohibited from doing paid or volunteer work with vulnerable adults for 10 years.

In February 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Elizabeth Renee Reistad** (NC60329476). She didn't comply with the terms and conditions of an agreed order requiring her to participate in the Washington Health Professional Services monitoring program.

In December 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Musukebba Drammeh** (NA00143385) due to a physical or mental condition that leaves Drammeh unable to safely perform duties as a nursing assistant.

In October 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional **Elizabeth Lane Hulali Withey** (CP60169717) for at least two years due to sexual misconduct. Withey had a sexual relationship with a counseling client.

Spokane County

In February 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of **Darryl Jevenne Hart** (NA60235663) and charged him with sexual misconduct. In April 2014 the secretary of health suspended Hart's credential for at least five years. While working at an assisted living facility, Hart engaged in multiple incidents of sexual misconduct with a resident. The Department of Social and Health Services found that Hart had abused a vulnerable adult and he's prohibited from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In January 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency trainee **Ryan Oliver Watson** (CO60195480) for not complying with the terms and conditions of an agreement to take part in a Washington Health Professionals Services monitoring program.

Walla Walla

In February the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Elysa Jannette Garcia** (NC60134688) for at least five years. Garcia was convicted of third degree theft after she stole a credit card belonging to a resident of an assisted living facility where she worked. The Department of Social and Health Services found that Garcia had financially exploited a vulnerable adult and she is now prohibited from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In February 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Michael Vernon Nelson** (NC10067812) for not complying with an agreed order. Nelson didn't enter into a Washington Health Professional Services monitoring contract.

Yakima County

In February the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Shawn R. Wear** (NA00184246) for at least two years. Wear was found by the Department of Social and Health Services to have neglected vulnerable adults and is no longer allowed to be employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to them.

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