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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](#) (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.

Benton County

In December 2014 the secretary of health suspended for at least five years the registered nursing assistant credential of **Jacob B. Gustafson** (NA00145346). While working at an adult family home, Gustafson bought a resident's narcotic medication. Upon finding that Gustafson financially exploited a vulnerable adult, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services barred him from caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Chelan County

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Lana Kay Valentine** (NC10021512) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her license. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) found Valentine neglected six vulnerable adult residents at the adult family home where she worked. She didn't give them their medications and an evening meal, and didn't take residents to the restroom in a timely manner. DSHS prohibited Valentine from being employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Clark County

In December 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **April R. Erickson** (NA60400410) for at least three years. In 2014 Erickson was convicted of possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine and of attempted bail jumping.

In December 2014 the secretary of health ordered **Ling Jiang** to cease and desist from practicing as a massage therapist and fined her \$1,000. Jiang, who has no massage practitioner credential, charged a client \$60 for a massage.

In December 2014 the secretary of health ordered **Sujuan Ma** to cease and desist practicing as a massage therapist and fined her \$1,000. Ma, who has no massage practitioner credential, massaged a client.

In December 2014 the secretary of health ordered **Ying Yu** to cease and desist from practicing as a massage therapist and fined her \$1,000. Yu, who has no massage practitioner credential, massaged a client.

Douglas County

In December 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant and home care aide credentials of **Danny Boyd Hamilton** (NA60289108, HM60319675) for at least five years. After being criminally charged in 2014 with third-degree rape and first-degree sexual misconduct with a minor, Hamilton was sentenced on an amended charge of fourth-degree assault—domestic violence with sexual motivation.

Island County

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Racine J. Phillips** (NA00157969) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her license. The State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) found she financially exploited a vulnerable adult. Phillips accepted a diamond watch and a diamond ring from a patient, and took loans and presents from him. His bank statements showed large amounts of money being spent on her. She continued to visit him against his family's wishes, and told the patient she would divorce her husband, marry him, and allow him to take her on a cruise. DSHS said Phillips can't be employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

King County

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **James Mu-Daw Shao** (NC60183672) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended his license. Shao worked at an assisted living facility. After finding out that Shao mentally and physically abused one resident and exploited another, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services prohibited him from being employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Ora Pearl Smith-Gutter** (RN00079416), who didn't comply with terms of probation.

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Sheila Rae Collins** (RN00088462). Collins didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract, testing positive for phenobarbital and alcohol.

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Waiyego E. Pearson** (NA00149851, NC60312091) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her licenses. Pearson, who owns an adult family home, allowed a resident to use a bus without adequate supervision. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services barred her from being employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Kitsap County

In December 2014 the Home Care Aide Program revoked the home care aide credential of **Jessica Ann Bogan** (HM60313120). The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) found Bogan financially exploited a vulnerable adult by taking a client's possessions. DSHS said Bogan can't be employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Snohomish County

In December 2014 the secretary of health suspended for at least 10 years the certified nursing assistant credential of **Geerce M. Legoh** (NC10057141). Legoh hit one client with a spatula. She helped another caregiver tie the client's wrists and ankles together, and she left the client on the floor. Legoh didn't report seeing another caregiver abuse the client. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) found Legoh abused and neglected a vulnerable adult. DSHS prohibited her from being employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Spokane County

In December 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered into an agreement with **Gerald Chase** under which he agrees to cease and desist from the practice of massage. Chase doesn't have a massage practitioner license yet posted an advertisement offering to trade massages.

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Dawn Marie Salazar** (NA60148949) for at least two years. While she worked for an in-home care service, Salazar and her husband accepted about \$6,000 from a vulnerable adult client. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services prohibited her from being employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Whatcom County

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Tiina Reed** (RN00107061) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her license. Charges say a vulnerable adult, who lived in Reed's home and depended on Reed and her husband for help with daily activities, was taken by emergency services workers to a hospital. The client had a stage one pressure sore, her clothing was urine-soaked, and dried fecal matter was on her body. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Reed neglected the woman. Reed can't be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In December 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the license of certified nursing assistant **Rachelle Lyn Tinker** (NC60382693). While providing in-home care to two patients, Tinker was found drunk and passed out on the floor. Tinker admitted drinking alcohol from a water bottle before and during her shift.

In December 2014 the Pharmacy Commission indefinitely suspended the pharmacy technician credential of **Jennifer M. Hawk** (VA00057468). She brought a bottle of alcohol to the pharmacy where she worked and drank from it.

Yakima County

In December 2014 the secretary of health ordered **Yuxue Guan** to cease and desist from practicing as a massage therapist and fined her \$1,000. Guan has no massage practitioner credential, but she charged a patient \$60 for a massage.

Out of State

Oregon: In December 2014 the X-Ray Technician and Medical Assistant programs suspended the X-ray technician and certified medical assistant credentials of **Nichole Renee Stahley** (XT60236046, CM60355840) for at least two years. Stahley was fired from her job at a clinic after testing positive for methamphetamine. Stahley said she stopped her daily use of methamphetamine, but hasn't gotten treatment other than attending one Narcotics Anonymous meeting.

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