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State orders unlicensed naturopath to cease unlicensed practice

OLYMPIA — State health officials ordered Arely Jimenez to cease and desist the practice of naturopathy pending further legal action.

Charges state that Jimenez was representing herself as a doctor of natural medicine. Whidbey Naturals Alternative Medicine’s (Whidbey Naturals) website advertised Jimenez was “Board Certified in Naturopathy,” even though Jimenez has never held a credential to practice as a naturopath in the state of Washington.

The summary order to cease and desist order starts the legal process to determine whether Jimenez has committed unlicensed practice.

Jimenez has 20 days from the date the notice is mailed to respond to the allegations and request a hearing. If Jimenez does not respond he will be in default and may not get a hearing.

The documents related to the cease and desist order can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That’s also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Department of Health protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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