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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 health care 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 March 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Kathleen Fay Lalka** (RN00106448). When Lalka moved out of an apartment, she left behind a bag containing prescription medications belonging to at least four residents of the facility where she worked.

In February 2015 the Massage Program first charged massage practitioner **Fiona Lu Hearne** (MA60266867) with unprofessional conduct and then immediately suspended her credential. In 2013 Hearne relinquished her Florida license because she submitted inadequate and potentially false information with her application to practice in that state.

Clark County

In February 2015 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the registered nurse credential of **Laura Donna Fischer** (RN60458241). Fischer surrendered her Oregon license after she didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

Island County

In February 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Racine J. Phillips** (NA00157969) for at least two years. The state Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) found she financially exploited a vulnerable adult. Phillips accepted a diamond watch and diamond ring from a patient, and took loans and presents from him. The patient's 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 prohibited Phillips from being employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

King County

In February 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Elizabeth Grayson Eudy** (RN60186519), who misused controlled substances and didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

In February 2015 the Pharmacy Commission entered an agreement with pharmacist **John V. Riley** (PH60314128) that suspended his credential for at least four years. While working at a hospital, Riley failed a drug test requested by his employer. He was also asked by his employer to empty his pockets and backpack, and a variety of controlled substances were found. Riley admitted having diverted drugs for about seven years.

In February 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Sarah J. Morgan** (RN00171389) that suspends her credential for at least two years. Morgan didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract that she agreed to in 2013.

In March 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Pannee Nakpitak** to cease and desist from the practice of massage, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Nakpitak practiced massage without a license.

In March 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Kritchaon Bunrotchu** to cease and desist from the practice of massage, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Bunrotchu practiced massage without a license.

Kitsap County

In January 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Vicki Warner** to cease and desist from practicing as a dental assistant without a license and fined her \$1,000. Warner performed the duties of a dental assistant before she received a license.

Pierce County

In February 2015 the Nursing Commission withdrew a statement of charges against registered nurse **Devin Robert Pikla** (RN60229452).

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Snohomish County

In February 2015 the secretary of health suspended the credentials of mental health counselor associate and agency affiliated counselor **Andrew Daniel Gipe** (MC60275954, CG60267392). Gipe misrepresented his credentials.

In February 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Greg William Fankhauser** (CO60399316), who didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In February 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Michelle R. Verryt** (NC10094654) that suspended her credential for at least two years. While Verryt was working at an assisted living facility, two packs of medication were found in her purse. The packs matched missing medication prescribed for two patients.

In February 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program first charged certified nursing assistant **Marisa Louise Bailey** (NC60238903) with unprofessional conduct and then immediately suspended her credential. Bailey, who worked at an assisted living facility, admitted diverting patients' narcotic pain medication for her own use. After finding that Bailey financially exploited vulnerable adults, the Department of Social and Health Services will not allow her to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Spokane County

In February 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Desiree Dawn Lakman** (NA60429943). Another employee at an assisted living facility where Lakman worked saw her wearing a sweatshirt and earrings that were missing from a resident's apartment.

Whatcom County

In February 2015 the secretary of health added five years to a previous two-year suspension for the certified nursing assistant credential of **Lisa M. Castro** (NC10100470). In 2014 Castro was convicted of five counts of forgery and one count of second-degree identity theft.

Yakima County

In March 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Ping Jiang** to cease and desist from the practice of massage, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Jiang, who doesn't have a massage practitioner credential, charged a client \$60 for a massage.

Out of State

California: In March 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Yuxiao Shi** to cease and desist from the practice of massage, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Shi practiced massage without a license.

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Colorado: In March 2015 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Erin McCall Arndt** (RN60481487) for at least two years. Arndt falsified her application; she didn't disclose violations involving controlled substances, or being assessed as unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

Florida: In February 2015 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of physician **William H. Wytttenbach** (MD00024626). His license was immediately suspended in 2014 after his Tennessee license was revoked and his Colorado license was suspended.

Oregon: In February 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of surgical technologist **Harry G. Hoops** (ST60276754). While Hoops was at work, he was incoherent, vague, had difficulty with tasks, difficulty standing, trouble completing sentences, and kept repeating phrases. Hoops tested positive for alcohol, methadone, and opiates for which he didn't have a prescription.

Oregon: In February 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Carson Fowlkes** (RN00158347) that indefinitely suspends his credential. Fowlkes didn't comply with continuing education requirements in a 2014 stipulation.

Oregon: In February 2015 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Julie C. Burns** (RN00177471). Burns surrendered her Oregon license after she didn't meet monitoring practice requirements.

Utah: In March 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program entered an agreement with chemical dependency professional and chemical dependency professional trainee **Curtis M. Polteno** (CP60178965, CO60174861) that suspended his credentials for at least two years. Polteno didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

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