



# News Release

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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.

### **Clark County**

In September 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of massage practitioner **Stacy Lemuel Andrew Bryant** (MA60175312). While he was a patient in the behavioral unit at a PeaceHealth Hospital, Bryant became agitated and attacked staff and police officers who tried to control him. He was convicted in Clark County Superior Court on one count of third-degree assault and one count of third-degree malicious mischief.

In September 2014 the Examining Board of Psychology indefinitely suspended the credential of psychologist **Cynthia Ann Savoie** (PY00001972). She provided individual and group counseling to a family; however, she took sides and gave biased advice. During one incident as part of a custody hearing, Savoie provided the court with a slanted parenting evaluation report written with inflammatory language.

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### **Grant County**

In August 2014 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional and agency affiliated counselor **Shannon Alta Hancock** (CP00005269 and CG60158024). Hancock didn't take required drug tests, citing financial reasons.

### **Jefferson County**

In August 2014 the Nursing Commission permanently revoked the credential of registered nurse **Elizabeth Ann Whittaker** (RN00077715). She was hired to care for a vulnerable adult as a home health care nurse while her license was expired. Whittaker diverted pain medication by filling prescriptions of oxycodone and zolpidem titrate under her patient's name.

### **King County**

In August 2014 the Department of Health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Igor A. Novikov** (NC10044900) for at least three years. He didn't report previous convictions including driving while intoxicated to domestic violence.

### **Snohomish County**

In December 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Margaret G. Dawson** (RN.RN.00089901). She dispensed more medication than she reported administering to patients without accounting for the difference.

In December 2013 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jonni Colleen Duncan** (CO60249483). She failed to follow the terms of a previous agreement that required her to enroll into a drug and alcohol monitoring program.

In December 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Svetlana V. Fesko** (NAR.NA.00114042) for at least two years. The state Department of Social and Health services found that Fesko neglected a vulnerable adult while she worked at an adult family home.

In January 2014 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Tatyana Leonidovna Ogorodnik** (NAR.NA.60216762). She didn't follow the requirements of a previous settlement.

In September 2014 the Podiatric Medical Board dismissed all charges against the credential of podiatric physician **Michael B. Riojas** (PO00000735).

In July 2014 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Daniel Joseph McNamee III** (CO60257646). He didn't take required random drug tests and later withdrew from a mandatory drug and alcohol monitoring program, citing financial reasons.

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### **Spokane County**

In December 2013 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of agency affiliated counselor **Brandon E. Mast** (CAAR.CG.60307229). He didn't follow the terms of a previous agreement requiring him to find out if he should enroll in a monitoring program.

In April 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Joanne M. Bamonte** (NAR.NA.00149712). The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Bamonte mentally abused a vulnerable adult while working at an assisted living facility.

In April 2014 the Nursing Commission dismissed charges against registered nurse **Aurilla McTigue** (RN60171659).

### **Stevens County**

In December 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of agency affiliated counselor **Tracie Lyn Young** (CAAR.CG.60146014) for two years. She brought meth to work and used it during work hours. Young also used meth at home with a client and stole clients' prescription medication and used them herself.

### **Thurston County**

In April 2014 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Debra J. Heimbuch** (RN.RN.00082652) for at least two years. Heimbuch withdrew from a required drug and alcohol monitoring program due to financial reasons.

In April 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Cameron N. Malizio** (NAC.NC.60083153) for at least 10 years. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Malizio abused a vulnerable adult. Respondent shoved a soapy rag into a 90 year old patient's mouth, while another provider restrained the patient's arms.

In April 2014 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of certified counselor **Connie J. Mortinson** (CCC.CL.60160010) for at least five years. Mortinson created a "mom contract" for her patients in which she was placed in charge of many aspects of the clients' lives. She also hired patients to perform office work for her.

### **Walla Walla County**

In August 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Christen A. Galipeau** (RN60157513). She cannot apply for reinstatement until she pays a \$1,000 fine, takes stress management and medication administration continuing education courses, and undergoes an evaluation. Galipeau clocked-in to work and then left two hours later, handing her keys to a coworker on her way out the door. She didn't transfer care of her patients or let another nurse know she was leaving.

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### **Yakima County**

In April 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Elizabeth Hernandez Aldana** (NAC.NC.60299567). She was convicted in Yakima Superior Court of third-degree assault domestic violence.

### **Out of State**

**Oregon:** In May 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Carrie Liane Christie** (RN.RN.60278421). Her license was revoked in Oregon after she admitted to the state's nursing board that she pled guilty to unlawful possession of methamphetamine and was sent to a court-ordered diversion program.

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