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Pierce County doctor suspended because of mental health condition

OLYMPIA — The Medical Commission immediately suspended a Puyallup doctor due to him being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of a mental health condition.

Charges state that Dr. Kurt Warkenthien (MD60242443) didn't follow the terms of a previous behavioral health agreement. Warkenthien stopped coming to work, and he hasn't responded to attempts to contact him.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#). Copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That number can also be used to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Medical Commission protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating physicians' and physician assistants' competency and quality. The commission develops rules, policies and procedures to promote delivery of high-quality health care to state residents.

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