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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.

Clark County

In July 2015 the Mental Health Counselor Program charged mental health counselor **Tess Esther Reese** (LH60499783) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credential. In 2014 Reese entered into an Arizona consent agreement that prohibits her from practicing in that state.

Douglas County

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Kayla Marie Lepene** (NA60410102, NC60429824) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credentials. Lepene allegedly used a patient's debit card, without permission, to withdraw \$60 from the patient's bank account. The state Department of Social and Health Services determined that Lepene financially exploited a vulnerable adult. She can't be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Grant County

In May 2015 the Medical Commission upheld the indefinite suspension of the credential of physician **Mohammad H. Said** (MD00018311), based upon revised findings of fact. Said violated restrictions for management of chronic pain patients, prescribing controlled substances, and issuing medical marijuana authorizations.

King County

In July 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Vera Music** (NA00133361) for at least five years. Music left six residents of her adult family home with her husband, whom she believed to be intoxicated and abusive. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that she neglected vulnerable adults. Music is prohibited from being employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In July 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with registered nursing assistant **Natalia Naranjo Nalugon** (NA00117271) that suspends her credential for at least two years. Nalugon accepted \$8,000 from a vulnerable adult patient at an adult family home where she worked. Upon finding that Nalugon financially exploited a vulnerable adult, the state Department of Social and Health Services prohibited her from being employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In July 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the medical assistant-phlebotomist credentials of **Taracita Brown** (PC60359657). She allegedly performed blood draws while her license was expired.

Pierce County

In July 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Denis Mururu Tarichia** (NA60309438) for at least two years. While working for a supported living organization, Tarichia used the accounts of two clients to order 11 pay-per-view movies at a cost of \$154.89. The state Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) found that Tarichia financially exploited a vulnerable adult. DSHS will not allow him to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission suspended the licensed practical nurse credential of **Lugenia A. Bruce** (LP00048146) for at least five years. In 2007 Bruce's credential was revoked for seven years. In 2010 she was convicted of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance – oxycodone – by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or subterfuge. In 2011 she was convicted of third-degree malicious mischief — domestic violence.

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Tara L. Munford** (RN60140309). She didn't comply with requirements for working conditions she agreed to when she was placed on probation in 2015.

In July 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program entered an agreement with chemical dependency professional trainee **Christopher Martin Morrison** (CO60491096) that suspends his credential for at least five years. In 2014 he briefly covered a child's face with a pillow, pleaded guilty to third-degree assault of a child, and didn't report the conviction to the Department of Health.

Skagit County

In July 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of agency affiliated counselor **Kirsten Lynn Verner** (CG60429901) for at least three years. After Verner helped a client move, some of the client's personal property was missing. Verner eventually returned several boxes of clothing and sold a ring that belonged to the client, but the client said she didn't pay her the \$100 from the sale as agreed upon.

In July 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program entered an agreement with chemical dependency professional **Gerald Reeser**, also known as Jerry Reeser (CP00004142), that suspends his credential for at least four years. Reeser lived with and had a sexual relationship with a client, falsified her drug test results, smoked marijuana with her, and took a drug that was prescribed for her. He bought marijuana from a second client and smoked marijuana with that client.

Spokane County

In June 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Kayla Marie Robison** (NA60329343). The state Department of Social and Health Services found she abused a vulnerable adult. Robison can't be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In June 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials of **Shandi F. Polk** (NA60240687, NC60243310). Another employee at an assisted living facility where Polk worked saw her take a resident's sweatshirt and stuff it into her purse. Polk denied taking the sweatshirt, but admitted taking \$5 from another resident. She also admitted taking a belt and a bottle of cleaner from the facility.

Stevens County

In July 2015 the Pharmacy Commission indefinitely suspended the pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician credentials of **Adam W. Carpenter** (VB60213447, VA60297400). Carpenter diverted narcotics for his own use from the pharmacy where he worked. He was arrested in 2013 on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of controlled substances without a prescription—hydrocodone.

Thurston County

In July 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of

Antonia Buenaventura (NA00191884) for at least three years. Buenaventura worked at an adult family home where she provided care for an 87-year-old patient. Buenaventura didn't properly prevent the development of pressure sores, correctly treat them once discovered, or intervene to prevent the patient's deterioration. The patient died. The patient's death certificate lists the cause of death as infected ulcers on the skin.

In June 2015 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse credential of **Ashley Marie Perera** (RN00167087). In 2015 Perera voluntarily surrendered her North Carolina license in connection with allegations of diverting controlled substances.

Out of State

Florida: In June 2015 the Nursing Commission suspended the licensed practical nurse credential of **Stephanie L. Darson**, also known as Stephanie Selby (LP60392756) for at least five years. In 2015 Darson was convicted of vehicular assault — driving under the influence. Darson was driving under the influence of prescription pills when her vehicle crossed the centerline and caused a collision that killed the other driver.

Hawaii: In July 2015 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner credentials of **Justin E. Henderson** (RN00155121, AP60169377) for at least two years. Henderson issued medical marijuana authorizations for four patients over the Internet, didn't conduct appropriate examinations, and didn't schedule follow-up appointments.

Texas: In July 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Mary K. Britton** (RN00144549) that suspends her credential for at least two years. She didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Virginia: In July 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Sheri Randolph Bradshaw** (RN60331275). She voluntarily surrendered her Virginia credential.

West Virginia: In June 2015 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Laif Davis McCaddon** (NC60216119) for at least four years. In 2014 McCaddon pleaded guilty to third-degree assault and driving while intoxicated.

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