



# 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 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.

### **Chelan County**

In July 2015 the secretary of health charged certified nursing assistant **Maria V. Estudillo** (NC60407665) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credential. Estudillo allegedly didn't follow a plan for moving a 92-year-old with Alzheimer's disease who was a convalescent center resident. Charges say the resident fell, struck her head and was hurt. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Estudillo neglected a vulnerable adult. She can't be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Clallam County**

In July 2015 the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of dental assistant **Kathy S. Rojas** (D160059020). Rojas didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In July 2015 the secretary of health suspended the certified home care aide credential of **Kirsten Marie Sauve** (HM60432977) for at least five years. A client reported more than \$20,000 missing

from his bank accounts. Sauve admitted taking the money to buy narcotics. In April 2015 she was arrested on a second-degree theft charge.

### **Clark County**

In July 2015 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Barbara M. Naylor** (NC10073736) for at least three years. Naylor accepted checks from an adult family home patient to purchase candy and high-sugar foods for the patient, which violated the patient's care plan. Naylor also kept a portion of the money for herself.

### **Jefferson County**

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Kim Ceann Danner** (RN60502210), who didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

### **King County**

In July 2015 the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of dental assistant **Shyla D. Gypin** (D160219498). In 2013 Gypin was convicted of making a false or misleading statement to a public servant. In 2014 she was convicted of third-degree assault, driving while intoxicated and she was also convicted in Idaho of unlawful entry.

In July 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Joel Lee Sipes** (NA60258721, NC60266638) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended his credentials. Charges say Sipes told a vulnerable adult client that the client's mother could be hit by a bus and die at any time. Sipes hit the client on the head hard enough to make a noise and made the client cringe. The state Department of Social and Health Services determined that Sipes had physically and mentally abused a vulnerable adult. He can't be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In July 2015 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Weizhi Wang** (MA60301611) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credential. Wang relinquished her Florida license in 2013.

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Sheila Rae Collins** (RN00088462), who didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Ofelia T. Rames** (NA00197815) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credential. Charges say Rames didn't support the safety of an adult family home resident who fell and broke a hip, didn't notify the resident's primary health care provider and didn't call 911. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Rames neglected a vulnerable adult. She can't be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Rowell S. Garcia** (NA00169076) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended his credential. Charges say Garcia stole two wedding rings from an 82-year-old resident of an adult family home where he worked, and pawned them for \$110. In 2015 Garcia was convicted of attempted third-degree theft. Upon finding that Garcia financially exploited a vulnerable adult, the state Department of Social and Health Services will not allow him to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Pacific County**

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Louise I. Johnson** (LP00052991). Johnson made thousands of dollars of unauthorized purchases and withdrawals from the accounts of a resident at a nursing home where she worked. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Johnson financially exploited a vulnerable adult.

### **Pierce County**

In July 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Ronalyn C. Lapena** (NA60319827) for at least five years. Lapena stole four checks that belonged to an adult family home client, wrote them out to herself, and deposited \$1,200 in checks into her own bank account. Lapena opened a PayPal account in another client's name, using it to purchase items totaling \$556.78. She was criminally charged with two identity theft counts and four forgery counts.

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Josanne M. Nordyke** (RN00171592) that indefinitely suspends her credential. Nordyke didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

### **Snohomish County**

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Lisa M. Troyer** (NC10032551) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credential. Charges say Troyer grabbed a patient by the hair, forced her to the couch and held her down for several minutes. Upon finding that Troyer neglected a vulnerable adult, the state 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 June 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Andrew Todd Smith** (NA60526299) after the state Department of Social and Health Services found he physically abused a vulnerable adult. Smith held a nursing facility resident to the ground, causing a scrape and a bruise. Smith can't be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Ashley M. Walker** (NA60062315) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credential. Charges say Walker took blank checks that belonged to a client and gave them to someone who forged and attempted to cash one. Walker received a continuance after being criminally charged with second-degree identity theft. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Walker financially exploited a vulnerable adult. She can't be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Esther R. Madrigal** (NA00190848) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credential. Madrigal allegedly admitted borrowing \$50 from a resident at an assisted living facility where she worked. Upon finding that Madrigal financially exploited a vulnerable adult, the state Department of Social and Health Services will not allow her to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Yakima County**

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Sandra Jean St. George** (RN00085058) in which she permanently surrendered her credential. St. George didn't call an ambulance right away for a skilled nursing facility patient with symptoms of stroke. The state Department of Social and Health Services found St. George neglected a vulnerable adult. She may not be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

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