



# 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.

### **King County**

In June 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the licensed practical nurse credential of **Jackie E. Breiling** (LP60276827) after she failed to seek a substance abuse evaluation through a drug monitoring program. Breiling dispensed and administered more narcotic medication than orders called for and failed to document administering the medication. She tested positive for multiple narcotic medications for which she had no prescription.

### **Pierce County**

In June 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credential of **Khalihla Dwan Shaw** (NA00113136) for at least two years. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Shaw financially exploited a vulnerable adult. Shaw is not allowed to be employed in the care of or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

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### **Pend Oreille County**

In June 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Cindy A. Lieske** (NA00068722) for at least one year. Lieske took about \$50 from a patient's home, later repaying the money.

### **Skagit County**

In May 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant and medical assistant-phlebotomist credential of **Danielle Leigh Jensen** (NA00165735, PC60348190) for at least two years. Jensen tested positive for amphetamines and methamphetamines in a drug test by her employer.

### **Spokane County**

In June 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the licensed practical nurse credential of **Sherri Lynn Willis** (LP60265146). In February 2014 the Texas Board of Nursing suspended Willis's vocational nurse credential. She violated professional boundaries of a nurse-client relationship, submitted nursing notes to her employer for visits she didn't make and for care she didn't provide, and failed to repay her student loan.

In May 2014 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse credential of **Andrea Melissa Olsen** (RN00111310) for at least three years. In 2013 Olsen was convicted of second-degree introducing contraband.

In May 2014 the Pharmacy Commission permanently revoked the pharmacy technician credential of **Paul A. Martsin** (VA60030831) with no right to reapply. In May 2013 Martsin's employer reported a theft or loss of controlled substances. The shortage reported was 275,500 tablets of hydrocodone of different strengths. In July 2013 a reported shortage included 1,000 tablets of hydrocodone and 2,784 ml of promethazine codeine cough syrup and 45 sublingual films of suboxone and 60 tablets of suboxone from the place he worked. In February 2014 Martsin was convicted of first-degree theft, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver—hydrocodone, possession of a controlled substance—codeine, and four counts of money laundering.

In August 2014 the secretary of health suspended registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Ashley N. Umhoefer** (NA60194840, NC60196193) for at least three years. She admitted stealing \$15 from a patient, having a drug problem, and stealing drugs from patients' rooms at an adult family home where she worked. The state Department of Social and Health Services found Umhoefer financially exploited a vulnerable adult. Umhoefer is not allowed to be employed in the care of or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In June 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Holly R. Prigan** (NC10101959). She may petition for reinstatement of her

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certified nursing assistant credential when she complies with the terms of the 2013 stipulation that requires her to enter a drug monitoring program.

In June 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Jessica L. Johnson** (NA00183818) for at least two years. She tested positive for methamphetamines, amphetamines, and marijuana during a drug test by her employer.

### **Stevens County**

In May 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Jennifer L. McKinney** (NC10075495) for failing to complying with a substance abuse monitoring contract two times. McKinney is out of compliance with her 2008 agreement.

### **Thurston County**

In March 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Darlene S. Teo** (NA60283468) for at least five years. The state Department of Social and Health Services issued a notice of final finding on her for abuse and financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult. As a result of these findings, Teo is not allowed to be employed in the care of or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Yakima County**

In June 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Jose M. Godina** (CO60277292). He didn't comply with terms and conditions of an agreement to enroll and participate in a drug monitoring program.

### **Out of State**

**Alaska:** In May 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Janet H. Brown** (RN00163220). In 2013 she surrendered her license to practice as a registered nurse in Alaska because the Alaska Board of Nursing was investigating allegations that she falsified an application.

**Arizona:** In June 2014 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the physician's assistant license of **Erin Lane Moffett** (PA60275063). In January 2014 Moffett's Arizona license was restricted, and she didn't abide by a substance abuse monitoring program based on positive drug tests. Moffett also failed to check-in with the drug testing system for over three days and failed to appear and complete an evaluation to rule out relapse.

**California:** In June 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Jason M. Joslin** (NC60147246). In 2011 Joslin's credential to practice as a certified nursing assistant in California was revoked for unprofessional conduct.

**Georgia:** In July 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Michelle E. Heinzerling**, also known as Michelle H. Sinkwich (RN60029600). The Georgia Board of Nursing indefinitely suspended Heinzerling's registered nurse credential when she didn't comply with a prior order. Heinzerling may petition for reinstatement of her registered nurse credential in Washington when her registered nurse credential in Georgia is reinstated.

**Hawaii:** In May 2014 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **David M. Heimbach** (MD00013777) which permanently retires Heimbach from the practice of medicine and surrenders his license as a physician and surgeon. He may not resume practice of medicine, including temporary, emergency, or volunteer practice in Washington. Heimbach, a retired burn surgeon, worked as burn center director for the University of Washington's Harborview Medical Center and as a UW School of Medicine faculty member. He served as a paid consultant for Citizens for Fire Safety, which portrayed itself as advocating fire prevention and safety, but was created and funded by three large chemical flame retardant manufacturers to advance their business interests. Heimbach didn't request or receive approval to work for Citizens for Fire Safety despite a university rule requiring him to do so. Heimbach testified in Washington, Alaska, and California against legislation that would have restricted chemical flame retardant use without disclosing his industry ties. While testifying, he made up stories about infant burn victims; and during an American Burn Association meeting, Heimbach also showed photographs protected by federal law.

**New York:** In May 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Terrie L. Stephens-Traverse** (RN60222269). She may petition for reinstatement of her registered nurse credential in Washington after reinstatement of her registered nurse credential in New York and Virginia. In November 2013 Stephens-Traverse's registered nurse credential in New York was suspended for diverting controlled substances for her personal use. In January 2014 her registered nurse credential in Virginia was suspended based on her suspension in New York.

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