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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.

Benton County

In September 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional credentials of **Amy M. Eylar** (CO60152969, CP60188525). In 2014 Eylar was convicted of unlawful imprisonment and she didn't report the conviction to the department as required by law.

In September 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Yansong Yao** under which Yao must cease and desist from the practice of massage and pay a fine of \$1,000. Yao, who has no massage credential, offered to provide massage services to a department investigator.

King County

In October 2014 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Lilian N. Mbua** (NC60204349) for at least five years. Mbua's certified nursing assistant credential was revoked in California for stealing six checks totaling over \$5,539 from a patient's bank account.

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In September 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Kristin L. Peralta** (RN00101340). Peralta worked at a beauty spa and injected clients with cosmetic treatments like Botox without a physician's order and before the clients met with a physician.

In October 2014 the secretary of health suspended registered nursing assistant **Anthony J. Tipton** (NA00186387) for at least two years. Tipton failed to communicate the seriousness of, or seek medical attention for pressure sores on a patient in his care. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that he had neglected a vulnerable adult in his care and is not allowed to be employed in the care of or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Kitsap County

In September 2014 the Nursing Commission suspended registered nurse **Trina Peterson**, also known as Tula Peterson (RN00175604). Peterson has been diagnosed with mental health disorders and substance abuse.

Pierce County

In September 2014 the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the dental assistant credential of **Jami R. Ribail (D160198915)**. Ribail tested positive for opiates and methadone after being admitted to a hospital and admitting to drug use. Two days after being discharged from a detoxification facility, she was found unconscious on her floor at home with pill bottles around her and again tested positive for drugs.

In September 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended chemical dependency professional trainee **Bernadette L. Cruz** (CO60324514). Cruz failed to comply with terms and conditions of a 2013 order.

Skagit County

In September 2014 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse credential of **Michael T. Lockrem** (RN60100809) for two years. Lockrem documented disposing of a controlled substance that had been prescribed for a patient, using the forged signature of another nurse. The other nurse was not present and didn't witness the disposal of the medication.

Skamania County

In September 2014 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Emily Samantha-Jai Elliott** (NC60293617) for at least three years. She admitted stealing money from a resident at a senior living facility where she worked.

Snohomish County

In September 2014 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Jillita D. Hunter** (NC60263341) for at least five years. Hunter admitted to using synthetic morphine and marijuana with a client, took medication from one client to give to another, and

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having a sexual relationship with a client. The state Department of Social and Health Services found Hunter had exploited a vulnerable adult.

Spokane County

In September 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Ludvig P. Gilbertson** (NC10024852) after his certified nursing assistant credential in Oregon was revoked in October 2013.

In October 2014 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Lisa M. Roberts** (NA60268041) for at least five years. Roberts used a care center resident's credit card to make 376 fraudulent charges totaling \$18,553.48, and used the resident's checking account to pay some of the credit card debt she had accrued. Roberts was criminally charged in Superior Court.

In October 2014 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Rachel A. Ryerse** (NC10079239) for at least five years. Ryerse stole a wedding ring set from a patient while working as an in-home caregiver.

Stevens County

In September 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Kerry "Care" Tafoya** under which Tafoya must cease and desist from the practice of massage and pay a fine of \$250. For about a year, Tafoya practiced massage, represented herself on business cards as a certified massage therapist, maintained a massage studio, and advertised her prices for various massage services. Tafoya has no massage credential.

Thurston County

In October 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Karin A. Lane** (NC10079228) that placed her credential on probation for 18 months. Lane must comply with terms and conditions of the agreement. In 2012 Lane was convicted of reckless driving and third-degree theft. Also in 2012 Lane entered a diversion program after being charged with second-degree theft.

Whatcom County

In September 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended registered nurse **Matthew J. Danz** (RN00148293). Danz failed to comply with an agreement to reenter a substance abuse monitoring program.

Whitman County

In September 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended licensed practical nurse **Maretta J. Winingear** (LP00040993). Winingear must complete terms and conditions before applying to reinstate her license. She worked at a skilled nursing facility where she was assigned to care for an 82-year-old woman in fragile health with diagnoses including dementia and

behavioral disturbances. Winingear knew the patient was lying on the floor next to her bed for three hours, and admitted telling a nursing assistant that the patient was all right on the floor and to leave her there.

Yakima County

In September 2014 the Podiatry Board revoked the podiatric physician and surgeon's license of **Curtis T. Holden** (PO00000697) for at least three years. Holden didn't do sufficient diagnostic testing, delegated a health care assistant to administer alcohol sclerosing injections to patients, and billed for services that weren't provided to patients.

In September 2014 the secretary of health permanently revoked the certified nursing assistant credential of **David F. Clark** (NC10031538). Clark pushed a client out of a wheelchair and stomped on his back. In a settlement with the state Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Clark agreed not to work for any DSHS-certified facilities where his primary role would be to care for vulnerable adults or children, and he's not allowed to contract with DSHS to care for vulnerable adults or children. He also agreed to forfeit any license or certificate he holds through the state Department of Health and never apply for a future license or certificate.

In September 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Lane M. Willis** (LP00024447). Willis didn't comply with a 2013 agreement that placed her credential on probation.

Out of State

California: In September 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Lael J. Trudeau** (RN00103612). Trudeau didn't comply with the terms and conditions of a 2013 agreed order on reinstatement.

Pennsylvania: In October 2014 the Medical Commission entered an order making the credential of physician **Robert R. Harrie** (MD60284253) subject to monitoring. Harrie reported to the commission that he's subject to an Oregon stipulated order that includes a reprimand, fine, completion of course work, and continued health care treatment.

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