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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.

Adams County

In March 2016 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Vanessa Joann Sanchez** (NC60567192), who admitted stealing prescription medication.

Benton County

In March 2016 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Daniel E. Tengbom** (NA00188879). The state Department of Social and Health Services determined that Tengbom physically assaulted a vulnerable adult and will not allow him to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Clark County

In February 2016 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the licensed independent clinical social worker credential of **Nancy Skanchy** (LW00006242). Skanchy didn't pay \$500 in

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reimbursement or complete continuing education stipulated in 2013 after she didn't report information to authorities as required.

King County

In March 2016 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the massage practitioner credential of **Cathy L. Heasley** (MA00009396), who didn't submit adequate proof of meeting continuing education requirements.

In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Edward Lee O'Neal Jr.** (NA60321111) for at least two years for stealing a patient's medication.

In March 2016 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Joanna W. Abreu** (NC60042987). An investigation found Abreu's error caused an assisted living facility resident to fall from a lift device Abreu was using and become trapped under it.

In March 2016 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Daniel Morey Gonzales** (NC60413502). In 2015 Gonzales was convicted of solicitation to possess heroin. He didn't report the conviction to the Department of Health.

In March 2016 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Misty Ann Bjorland** (CO60594426), who didn't abide by a requirement to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Kitsap County

In March 2016 the Pharmacy Commission entered an agreement with pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician **Nacole Shianne Kness** (VB60415370, VA60443719) under which she surrendered her credentials. Kness stole narcotics from the pharmacy where she worked.

Pierce County

In February 2016 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified medical assistant and X-ray technician credentials of **Shirley Ann Tietz** (CM60382684, XT60373932). Tietz submitted controlled substance prescriptions that weren't authorized by the practitioners to whom the prescriptions were attributed.

In March 2016 the secretary of health denied the application to reactivate the massage therapist credential of **Kathleen Marie Bergman** (MA00020010) and suspended it for at least two years. Bergman provided massage treatment while she didn't have an active license. In 2014 she was convicted of two counts of animal cruelty.

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In March 2016 the Dental Commission entered an agreement with dentist and moderate sedation with parenteral agents permit holder **Raymond F. Wilkinson** (DE00004814, CS10000345) under which he surrendered his credentials. Wilkinson prescribed, administered, possessed, and stored controlled substances without a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number, but used a clinic's group number and another dentist's DEA number. He provided treatment below the standard of care to two patients, thus placing the patients at risk of harm.

In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program permanently revoked two registered nursing assistant credentials held by **Monica Wanjiku**, also known as Monica W. Ragui and as Monica Wanjiku Njonjo (NA60266848, NA60107878). Wanjiku applied for both licenses using false names and Social Security numbers, and gave false answers about her background.

Snohomish County

In February 2016 the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the dental assistant credential of **Tricia Lyn Warren** (D160051021), who didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In March 2016 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Patty Jane Maritzen** (RN00111970) after a psychiatric evaluation found her unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

Thurston County

In March 2016 the Licensed Independent Social Worker and Chemical Dependency Professional programs entered an agreement with licensed independent social worker chemical dependency professional **Geoffrey Coleman Schiller** (LW00004751, CO60244928) that suspends his credentials for at least five years. Schiller engaged in sexual misconduct after he retired from his workplace, engaging in a relationship with a former client.

In February 2016 the Emergency Medical Services Program suspended the emergency medical technician credential of **Kyle W. Baxter** (ES01176324) for at least three years. In 2014 Baxter was convicted on a federal charge of filing false, fictitious and fraudulent claims based on his filing of fraudulent federal tax returns.

In March 2016 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Nicole Cadieux** (RN60519561). Cadieux's Florida advanced registered nurse practitioner credential was suspended in January 2016 in connection with drug diversion.

Walla Walla County

In March 2016 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Kati Jo Alessio** (RN60238486). Alessio diverted medications from the health care center where she worked. In 2015 she was convicted of unlawful possession of a legend drug — Tramadol.

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Yakima County

In February 2016 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program entered an agreement with chemical dependency professional **Tammy J. Sexton** (CP00004290) that indefinitely suspends her credential. Sexton admitted using methamphetamines.

In March 2016 the Pharmacy Commission modified an agreement with pharmacy assistant **Sheila Ann Tobey** (VB60079182) under which she surrendered her credential. In 2015 Tobey agreed to undergo a substance abuse evaluation after she admitted diverting controlled substances from the pharmacy where she worked.

Out of State

Arizona: In March 2016 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner credentials of **Sukanlaya Hughes** (RN60576020, AP60576937), whose Arizona credentials were suspended because she falsified her academic credentials and behavioral issues.

Tennessee: In March 2016 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Rachel Baird Carlton** (RN60555170, AP60555171) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credentials. Carlton's West Virginia registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner credentials were suspended in 2015 in connection with writing prescriptions without proper authority.

Texas: In March 2016 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Regina B. Doerr** (RN60026466), whose Texas nursing license was restricted in 2015.

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