



# 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 September 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Tiffany Briana Lofton** (NA60453795), who ignored a vulnerable patient's requests for assistance.

### **Okanogan County**

In September 2015 the secretary of health permanently revoked the registered nurse credential of **Charles E. White** (RN60296686). White had sexual contact with a child.

### **Pierce County**

In February 2016 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials of **John N. Kangu** (NA60268681, NC60424343) for at least two years. Kangu allowed another person to use his licenses and then lied about it.

In December 2015 the Chiropractic Commission indefinitely suspended the chiropractor credential of **Dale E. Clark** (CH00001250), who didn't comply with a 2015 agreement requiring him to complete an ethics program.

In April 2016 the secretary of health revoked the home care aide credential of **Maria DeJesus Biggs** (HM60418126). In 2015 Biggs pleaded guilty to third-degree theft, disqualifying her from being employed as a long-term care worker and home care aide.

In May 2016 the Hearing and Speech Board charged audiologist **Keith David Condict** (LD60282050) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended his credential. Condict's Idaho audiologist credential was revoked in 2014 in connection with fraudulent conduct.

### **Skamania County**

In October 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Patrick Mwangi Gitau** (NA60137794) for at least 10 years. Gitau had sex with a patient.

### **Snohomish County**

In November 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Erin M. Sullivan** (RN00171219), who documented giving a patient medication too close together in time.

### **Spokane County**

In September 2015 the Dental Commission suspended the dental assistant credential of **Donell M. Langley** (D160033306) for at least 10 years. Langley forged a dentist's signature on narcotics prescriptions for herself and for a relative.

In November 2015 the secretary of health revoked the home care aide credential of **Linda S. Jones** (HM60537681). The state Department of Social and Health Services disqualified Jones from caring for vulnerable adults, juveniles and children, which prohibits her from being certified as a home care aide.

### **Thurston County**

In November 2015 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant and medical assistant-phlebotomist credentials of **Michelle Lynn Davis**, also known as Michelle McGlothlin, (NC60174575, PC60355351) for at least two years. Davis agreed to a continuance in criminal court on charges of driving while intoxicated, malicious mischief – domestic violence and simple assault.

### **Out of State**

**Utah:** In March 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program entered an agreement

with chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional **Curtis M. Polteno** (CO60174861, CP60178965) that suspends his credentials for at least two years. Polteno didn't abide by a substance abuse monitoring contract.

**Wyoming:** In April 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician **James Gordon Douglas** (MD00019266) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended his credential. His Wyoming medical license was suspended in 2015 after he didn't abide by a monitoring agreement.

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