

# Health 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 the following 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., dentists, nurses, counselors). Information about disciplinary action taken against medical doctors and physician assistants can be found on the <u>Washington Medical Commission (WMC) website</u>. Questions about WMC disciplinary actions can be sent to <u>media@wmc.wa.gov</u>.

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.

#### **Clallam County**

In April 2022 the Mental Health Counselor and Substance Use Disorder Professional Programs suspended the mental health counselor and substance use disorder professional licenses of **Timothy David Craig** (CP60116520, LH60249720). Craig failed to comply with a requirement to attend and pass an ethics course.

## **King County**

In April 2022 the secretary of health suspended the registered nurse license of **Michael Joseph Horton** (RN60401543) for at least ten years. He must undergo a psycho-sexual evaluation by a psychiatrist before the secretary considers reinstatement. Horton was charged with the rape of a child, child molestation, and sexual exploitation of a minor in Grays Harbor Superior Court. His license was initially suspended in November.

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## **Out of State**

**Georgia:** In March 2022 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the registered nurse license of **Elisabeth Leigh Myers** (RN60907921) after the Ohio Board of Nursing suspended her license for failing to comply with an order the Ohio Board issued.

**Idaho:** In April 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse license of **Cathleen Ann Weston** (RN00090208) after Weston misrepresented herself in Idaho as a nurse-midwife and was found guilty in Idaho of furnishing false information for a birth certificate, a felony.

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