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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.

King County

In May 2022 the secretary of health affirmed a February order suspending medical assistant phlebotomist credential of **Jason E. Stevens** (PC60350695) for diverting a controlled substance from his workplace and for being impaired while at work.

In April 2022 the secretary of health revoked the home care aide credential of **Analyn Bico** (HM60961491) after the Department of Social and Health Services placed Bico on the list of people disqualified from caring for vulnerable adults, juveniles, and children. Placement on this list prohibits anyone from working as a home care aide. Bico took a vulnerable adult's bank card and attempted to purchase \$1,000 of merchandise and took another vulnerable adult's ring worth about \$8,000.

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Out of State

Oregon: In May 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse license of **Grace Ann Koch** (RN00073776) after Koch surrendered her license to the Oregon State Board of Nursing when Koch failed to comply with a prior Oregon Board order.

In May 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the licensed practical nurse license of **Caroline Wanjiru Dion** (LP60798050) after Dion surrendered her license to the Oregon State Board of Nursing because she was working as a nurse unsupervised without a licensed independent provider.

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