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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 Washington Medical Commission (WMC) website. Questions about WMC disciplinary actions can be sent to media@wmc.wa.gov.

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 January 2022 the Dental Commission suspended the dentist license of **Alireza Panahpour** (DE60101476) for at least five years. The five-year suspension begins on completion of a five-year period in which Panahpour's license is revoked under a May 2019 order. Panahpour engaged in a romantic and sexual relationship with two patients and sent a text threatening one of them.

Kitsap County

In January 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the licensed practical nurse license of **Stella Marie Guerrero** (LP00040764) for leaving the facility where she was on duty without notifying staff or transferring the care of her patients.

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Spokane County

In January 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse license of **Jo Ann Filan** (RN00170137) for attempting to divert patient medications from the facility where she was working.

Whatcom County

In January 2022 the Nursing Assistant Program and certified nursing assistant **Juan Irene Leal** (NC10095768) agreed to the surrender of his license and that he never resume practice again, including temporary, emergency, or volunteer practice. Leal was convicted of third-degree child molestation in Whatcom Superior Court.

Yakima County

In January 2022 the secretary of health suspended certified radiologic technologist **Suzzanne Kristine Krueger** (RT60599532) for being intoxicated while working.

Out of State

South Carolina: In January 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended registered nurse **Sarah Adair Harris** (RN60457004) for failing to comply with a substance use monitoring program.

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