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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.

Clark County

In January 2022 the secretary of health suspended the agency affiliated counselor license of **Adam Hale Kravitz** (CG60780860) for not complying with the terms of a 2017 agreement requiring participation in a substance use program.

King County

In February 2022 the Home Care Aide Program and home care aide **John William Grieve** (HM60644591) entered an agreement that suspends his license for at least 12 months. Before applying for reinstatement, Grieve, who appeared naked in front of a patient and administered medication without authority, also agreed to complete continuing education.

Disciplinary actions

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In February 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Amanda Gayle Dryer** (RN60091443) because she failed to follow through with a substance use monitoring program.

Lewis County

In February 2022 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant license of **Jocelyn Marie Pink** (NA60451377) after the Department of Social and Health Services determined that Pink had neglected a vulnerable adult. Pink did not respond to the related charges of unprofessional conduct.

Snohomish County

In February 2022 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant license of **Melvina Boachie Danquah** (NA60294127) for at least three years. Danquah accepted checks totaling about \$14,000 from a patient in the assisted living facility where she worked.

In February 2022 the Veterinary Board of Governors suspended the veterinarian license of **Charles Dean Essex** (VT00002582) for failing to comply with an agreed order that required continuing education.

Out of State

California: In February 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse license of **Austin James Teune** (RN60840816) for unprofessional conduct after the Oregon State Board of Nursing placed Teune on probation following his second arrest for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Oregon: In February 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse license of **Kate Jennifer deBruin** (RN60937973) because she did not comply with an agreement to participate in a substance use program.

Pennsylvania: In February 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse license of **Nicholas Alexander Firestone** (RN60821898) after the California Superior Court ordered Firestone not to practice nursing because of his conviction for receiving stolen property.

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