

# Health News Release

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#### State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against the following health care providers in our state.

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 <a href="Washington Medical Commission">Washington Medical Commission (WMC) website</a>. Questions about WMC disciplinary actions can be sent to <a href="media@wmc.wa.gov">media@wmc.wa.gov</a>.

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Look up a health care provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health website (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 encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## **Benton County**

In March 2022 the Nursing Commission ended probation on the credential of licensed practical nurse **Eli Eames Brackenbury** (LP60255291).

#### **Clark County**

In March 2022 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Rachel Marie Teague** (NC60684365) with unprofessional conduct for allegedly taking money from a patient's purse.

#### **Douglas County**

In March 2022 the Nursing Commission reinstated with conditions the registered nurse license of **Darcy A. Rathka** (RN60028951). Rathka agreed to the conditions, which include probation while Rathka completes a refresher class and participation in a substance use monitoring program.

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#### **King County**

In March 2022 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the pharmacy assistant license of **Karla Alejandra De La Rosa** (VB61114855).

In March 2022 the secretary of health granted with conditions a mental health counselor license to **Bobbie Denise Catton** (LH61220629). Catton agreed to the conditions, which include continued participation in a substance use monitoring program.

#### **Kitsap County**

In March 2022 the secretary of health ended conditions on the associate marriage and family therapist license of **Renee Garcia Miller** (MG60846071).

### **Pierce County**

In March 2022 the secretary of health ended probation on the massage therapist license of **Jing Han** (MA60635357).

#### **Out of State**

**Idaho:** In March 2022 the Dental Commission reinstated with conditions the dentist license of **Rahil Akhtar** (DE60078325). Akhtar agreed to the conditions, which include passing two dental exams, an ethics and boundaries assessment, an evaluation from a substance use monitoring program, and a restriction on his ability to prescribe schedule two controlled substances.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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