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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.

Benton County

In May 2022 the secretary of health suspended the agency affiliated counselor and substance use disorder professional trainee licenses of **Robert Lee Sauers** (CG60665130, CO60962532). Sauers failed to comply with a 2020 agreement that required he complete continuing education and provide quarterly performance evaluations.

King County

In February 2022 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant license of **Zackery Wayne Iko Rule** (NA61117986). Rule was charged with driving under the influence in Renton Municipal Court and was granted a deferred prosecution deal. He did not file a response to the Nursing Assistant Program's charges.

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Spokane County

In May 2022 the secretary of health suspended the agency affiliated counselor license of **Vincent William Barnett** (CG61070078) after he tested positive for a drug test. Barnett did not respond to the charges.

Yakima County

In May 2022 the secretary of health suspended the emergency medical technician license of **Brian Curt Slavens** (ES60137125). Slavens was charged with theft in Yakima County Superior Court for stealing \$6,100 from a firefighter's association, a charge dismissed after he completed the requirements of a felony diversion agreement.

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