



# 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**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against the following health care providers in our state.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 [Washington Medical Commission \(WMC\) website](#). Questions about WMC disciplinary actions can be sent to [media@wmc.wa.gov](mailto:media@wmc.wa.gov).

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](http://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.

### Clark County

In August 2022 the Home Care Aide Program charged **Nicole Rebecca Reed** (HM60969888) with unprofessional conduct. Reed allegedly worked while intoxicated.

In August 2022 the Nursing Commission ended probation on the registered nurse license of **Shawna L. Dixon** (RN00170527).

In July 2022 the secretary of health denied the medical assistant-phlebotomist and certified nursing assistant applications of **Kimberly Ann Smith** (PC61245142, NC61257435). Smith did not submit proof of a substance use evaluation as required for the application. In 2020 and 2008 she was convicted of driving under the influence.

### Island County

In July 2022 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Rondle Jay Bennett** (CH00003565) with unprofessional conduct. Bennett allegedly failed to schedule a mental examination, as required by a 2021 agreed order.

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### **King County**

In August 2022 the Dental Commission charged **Matt M. Rafie** with unprofessional conduct. Rafie, a dentist with a moderate sedation with parenteral agents permit (DE00011101, CS10000480), did not comply with a mental examination order as required by the Commission.

### **Lewis County**

In July 2022 the secretary of health ended conditions on the registered medical assistant license of **Sequoiah Christal Fields** (MR61246229).

### **Pacific County**

In July 2022 the secretary of health granted with conditions an agency affiliated counselor license to **Arwen Evenstar Moody** (CG61290409). Moody's credential is on probation for two years and she is required to have professional supervision and quarterly performance evaluations. In 2017, Moody was convicted of theft of a firearm and residential burglary in Benton County Superior Court.

### **Pierce County**

In July 2022 the secretary of health granted with conditions a registered nursing assistant license to **Ramon Magana** (NA61310318). Magana's employer must submit quarterly performance evaluations for three years and Magana must provide proof of compliance with court-ordered probationary terms. In 2016, Magana was convicted of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances.

In July 2022 the Dental Commission granted with conditions a dental assistant license to **Dana Lou Brady** (D161148170). Brady's license was placed on probation for at least two years and Brady's employer must submit quarterly performance evaluations. In 2019, Brady was convicted of conspiracy to commit bank fraud in federal district court for the Western district of Tennessee.

### **Snohomish County**

In August 2022 the Board of Physical Therapy imposed sanctions on physical therapist **Heather E. Sheppard** (PT00009643), who did not respond to charges that she gave treatment to a patient's wife without authorization from a medical provider or home health agency. Sheppard must pay a \$2,500 fine, practice under the supervision of a professional, and complete continuing education, among other sanctions.

### **Spokane County**

In July 2022 the Home Care Aide Program and the Nursing Assistant Program charged home care aide and registered nursing assistant **Michelle Dixon** (HM61027539, NA60901970) with unprofessional conduct. Dixon allegedly diverted medication from the patients at an assisted living facility where she worked.

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In July 2022 the secretary of health granted with conditions an affiliated agency counselor license to **Danielle Rae Gonzales** (CG61296224). Gonzales' license is on probation for 18 months and she must have professional supervision and quarterly performance evaluations.

In July 2022 the Pharmacy Commission denied the pharmacy assistant license application of **Thomas James Gagnier** (VB61233001). In 2015, Gagnier was convicted of violating a restraining order in Spokane Superior Court and of stalking in Spokane County District Court.

### **Thurston County**

In August 2022 the secretary of health granted with conditions the registered nursing assistant application of **Dejournette Elizabeth Monet Denny** (NA61253399). Denny's credential has been placed on probation for two years and her employer must submit quarterly performance evaluations.

### **Whatcom County**

In July 2022 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Heidi Lynne Cayce** (NC10076133) with unprofessional conduct. Charges state that Cayce was a live-in care provider for a client. In January 2022, she was allegedly found unresponsive with empty vodka bottles nearby and transported to a medical center and tested for blood alcohol.

**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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