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

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 October 2022 the secretary of health suspended the home care aide license of **Nicole Rebecca Reed** (HM60969888). Reed worked while intoxicated. She did not respond to investigators' requests for cooperation or charges.

# **King County**

In October 2022 the Dental Commission suspended the dentist license of **Matt M. Rafie** (DE00011101, CS10000480). Rafie did not comply with a mental examination order as required by the Commission and he failed to respond to related charges.

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## **Kitsap County**

In October 2022 the secretary of health suspended the massage therapist license of **Matthew Richard Timmons** (MA60171973). He did not respond to charges that he was practicing with an expired license.

### **Thurston County**

In October 2022 the secretary of health suspended for at least five years the mental health counselor license of **Mary Kaylan Coacher** (LH60641004) who practiced below the standard of care in not maintaining boundaries with her patients.

#### Whatcom County

In October 2022 the Nursing Assistant Program and **Heidi Lynne Cayce** (NC10076133) agreed to an order suspending her certified nursing assistant license. 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.

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