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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 2023 the secretary of health suspended the medical assistant hemodialysis technician license of **Bridge Donavin Colt Leslie** (HT60927101). Leslie verbally abused patients, committed HIPAA violations, breached patient confidentiality, and violated patient medical information safekeeping rules.

Thurston County

In January 2023 the secretary of health suspended for at least five years the home care aide license of **Salena Marie Navarro** (HM60540559). Navarro took patients' hydrocodone pills and replaced them with Tylenol.

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Out of State

Oregon: In January 2023 the Nursing Commission summary suspended the registered nurse license of **Linda G. Walker** (RN00119541), pending further disciplinary proceedings. Walker voluntarily surrendered her Oregon registered nurse credential to the Oregon State Board of Nursing after a finding that Walker was arrested on two driving under the influence charges. She was admitted to a substance use monitoring program but was reported as non-compliant on multiple occasions.

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