



# News Release

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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 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](mailto: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](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 also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Clallam County**

In September 2019 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner credentials of **Joan Cornelia McCuen** (RN60235239, AP60239504), who in 2019 surrendered her Oregon registered nurse and nurse practitioner credentials.

### **Grays Harbor County**

In October 2019 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the licensed practical nurse credential of **Robert John Peterson** (LP00044868). While working at a care and rehabilitation facility, Peterson removed patients' medication without documenting that he administered or disposed of it.

### **Pierce County**

In September 2019 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Karen P. Covey** (RN00150636), who didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In October 2019 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with registered nursing assistant **Michael Patrick Dyer** (NA60762920) that permanently revokes his credential. In 2019 Dyer was convicted of first-degree child rape, and of first-degree child molestation.

### **Spokane County**

In September 2019 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Kevin Donald Edwards** (CO60525948), who didn't complete a required seminar on schedule.

### **Whitman County**

In September 2019 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Michelle Stees** (NA00104687). Stees diverted narcotics from a resident of a senior care facility where she worked.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In September 2019 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Marion Elaine Gamundoy** (RN60746348) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credential. In 2019 Gamundoy surrendered her California registered nurse license.

**Georgia:** In September 2019 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Karen Lynn Palmer** (RN60596329). In 2017 Palmer surrendered her Connecticut, South Dakota, Wyoming, Texas, and Iowa registered nurse licenses, and did the same in Ohio in 2018. Her Georgia nurse license was restricted in 2017. That same year, her Arizona registered nurse license application was denied.

**Oregon:** In September 2019 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Richard Pao-Yuan Hsu** (DE60162881) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended his credential. Hsu's Oregon dentist credential was suspended in 2019.

**South Dakota:** In September 2019 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Angela M. Ford** (RN00175807) with unprofessional conduct and immediately suspended her credential. In 2019 Ford surrendered her South Dakota registered nurse credential.

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