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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.

### **Cowlitz County**

In October 2019 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with registered nursing assistant **Karie Jean Koethke** (NA60684736) that suspends her credential for at least five years. In 2018 Koethke was convicted of violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act—possession of methamphetamine, and of three counts of first-degree trafficking in stolen property. Koethke's license was suspended in 2019 after the state Department of Social and Health Services found that she had financially exploited a vulnerable adult.

### **King County**

In October 2019 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the independent clinical social worker associate credential of **Tana Leigh Adams** (SC60416297), who practiced with an expired license.

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### **Lewis County**

In October 2019 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the licensed practical nurse credential of **Michelle Evon Canfield** (LP60146142), who didn't fulfill a requirement to make an appointment for a mental examination.

### **Spokane County**

In October 2019 the secretary of health suspended for at least two years the certified nursing assistant credential of **Amy Rose Anderson** (NC10058148). The state Department of Social and Health Services, which determined that Anderson financially exploited a vulnerable adult, placed her on its long-term care abuse and neglect registry. She can't be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

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