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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](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.

### **Clark County**

In February 2022 the Massage Therapy Program and massage therapist **Allen W. Holden** (MA00022827) entered an agreement that suspended Holden's license. Holden failed to document and retain patient records in violation of a 2020 agreement that required him to follow proper record-keeping rules.

In February 2022 the Home Care Aide Program suspended for 36 months the home care aide license of **Tiffnee Jo. Wallway** (HM60466096). In 2019, Wallway took about \$40,000 from a home safe owned by the parents of the special needs children she was employed to watch.

### **Cowlitz County**

In February 2022 the secretary of health suspended the certified medical assistant license of

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**Michelle Nicole Luton** (CM60442747). Luton failed to respond to investigators' requests for an explanation to her practicing with an expired license.

### **King County**

In February 2022 the secretary of health denied the application to reactivate the medical assistant-phlebotomist license of **Garland D. Jarmon** (PC60349080) and barred him from reapplying for at least 10 years. Jarmon pleaded guilty in 2019 to the possession of and attempted viewing of depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct in King County Superior Court.

In February 2022 the secretary of health suspended for at least five years the registered nursing assistant license of **Lajara Wardman** (NA61072061). Wardman stole rings, money, and an ATM card she used to pay more than \$2,000 of personal credit card debt from patients at the facilities where she worked.

### **Kitsap County**

In February 2022 the secretary of health suspended for at least 10 years the certified nursing assistant license of **Taressa Browning** (NC60869297). Browning was convicted of extortion, malicious prosecution, criminal attempt, and two counts of first-degree custodial sexual misconduct in Kitsap County Superior Court.

### **Pierce County**

In February 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse license of **Peter Nicholas Tomter** (RN60941819) after Tomter surrendered his credential to the Oregon State Board of Nursing. Tomter violated the terms of an Interim Consent Order issued by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

### **Spokane County**

In February 2022 the secretary of health revoked with no right to reapply the certified nursing assistant license of **Jeffrey Kenneth Marks** (NC60475255). Marks was convicted of raping a child in August in Pend Oreille Superior Court.

### **Out of State:**

**Virginia:** In February 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse license of **Ashley Nicole Webb** (RN61149523) after the Virginia Board of Nursing suspended Webb's license. The Virginia Board of Nursing found she received fraudulent prescriptions, created a fictitious chart to send fraudulent prescriptions to the pharmacy, and documented administering medication that patients denied receiving. The California Board of Registered Nursing revoked Webb's license based on the findings in Virginia.

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