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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 June 2022 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant license of **Rachel Marie Teague** (NC60684365). Teague did not respond to an investigator's request for an explanation of allegations that she stole \$90 from a client.

King County

In June 2022 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant license of **Gladwell W. Kagai** (NA00200820). Kagai was intoxicated while caring for a patient.

In June 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended registered nurse **Bryan David Maruhashi** (RN60563235) after Maruhashi was convicted of four counts of assault in King County Superior Court.

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Pierce County

In June 2022 the Medical Assistant Program summarily suspended medical assistant **Sharon Linda Nakazzibwe** (CM60967376) pending further disciplinary action. The Department of Social and Health Services' Adult Protective Services determined that Nakazzibwe neglected a vulnerable adult, which prohibits her from being employed in the care of or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Spokane County

In June 2022 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant and medical assistant licenses of **Samantha Marie Shivvers** (NC60781594, MR60861969). Shivvers did not respond to an investigator's request for explanation of allegations that she stole items from her employer, including an iPhone.

Yakima County

In July 2022 the secretary of health suspended the certified home care aide license of **Michelle Diane Reyes** (HM60647490). Reyes did not respond to charges related to her admission that she took medications from patients on multiple occasions at the adult residential home where she worked.

Out of State

Nevada: In June 2022 the Pharmacy Commission summarily suspended, pending further disciplinary action, the pharmacist license of **Aurora Bejto** (PH60957232). In July 2021, the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy revoked Bejto's pharmacist license for two years for diverting controlled substances.

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