State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

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OLYMPIA ¾ 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., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).Information about health care providers is on the agency’s website. Click on “Look up a healthcare 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.

Cowlitz County In January 2013 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Program indefinitely suspended the credential of paramedic **Marla Fleming-Nixon** (ES00122562). In 2011 Nixon gave morphine to patients without medical authorization on several occasions. On about four occasions she forged witness signatures on documentation forms for controlled substances.In January 2013 the Secretary of Health reprimanded and indefinitely suspended the credential of paramedic **Stephen Pitts** (ES00113043). He falsified training and evaluation records that were required for licensure. **Franklin County**In January 2013 the Board of Pharmacy indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy assistant **Francisco J. Leyva-Gonzalez** (VB60090180). While working as a pharmacy assistant between December 2011 and May 2012, he diverted about 150 hydrocodone tablets and four pints of promethazine-codeine, controlled substances.**King County**In January 2013 the Secretary of Health ended the probation of chemical dependency professional trainee **Robert C. Greer** (CO60150101).In December 2012 the Osteopathic Medicine Board indefinitely suspended the credential of osteopathic physician **Mark A. Scott** (OP0001683) for not complying with an agreed order to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.In January 2013 the Secretary of Health ended a probation order for registered nursing assistant **Yun-Chang Chu** (NA60157664).In January 2013 the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Earlesia Glenda-Ziehe Dipietro** (CO60196954). She formed personal relationships with juvenile clients, falsified a urinalysis report for a client, discussed information about clients with other clients and in Facebook posts, and persuaded a drug-addicted patient to obtain a controlled substance for her.**Pierce County**In December 2012 the Massage Practitioner Program indefinitely suspended the credential of massage practitioner **Kelly Kolleen McEvoy** (MA60269949). She didn’t comply with an agreement to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In January 2013 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Michelle R. Wenzel** (LP00053632) for at least two years. She took oxycodone from a patient’s supply for her personal use.In December 2012 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Cary Frese Sneberger** (LP60139250). In July

2012 the Pennsylvania nursing board suspended her nursing credential based on a finding that she’s addicted to alcohol or other drugs.In January 2013 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the license of physician **Kimberly M. Chan** (MC00046109) for not complying with terms of her probation to complete continuing medical education. She was also required to write and submit a paper on laparoscopic hernia surgery. The commission earlier found that she practiced below the standard of care during hernia repair surgery on two patients.In January 2013 the Secretary of Health ordered **Yanfang Kong** to cease-and-desist the unlicensed practice of massage.**Spokane County**In January 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Ashley D. Muzatko** (NA60258332) for not complying with an order to submit quarterly performance evaluations.In January 2013 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Robin Marie Pena** (RN60219122). In October 2012 she surrendered her Alaska nursing license to the Alaska Board of Nursing.
In January 2013 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Angela Hope McClain** (NA00170193) for at least four years. In May 2012 she was owner of Heaven Sent, an adult family home. A patient was transferred to another adult family home and should have arrived with 50-60 oxycodone tablets. McClain delivered 60 tablets a week later but they were for a different dose and were packaged in a bottle with a homemade label, not a pharmacy label.In January 2013 the Secretary of Health ordered **Jason Swanson** and **Tyler Arnold**, owners of a Spokane tattoo business, to permanently cease-and-desist the unlicensed practice of medicine and pay a $1,000 fine. The business advertised “tattoo removal” using a laser device. Although a health care license isn’t required for tattooing services, a health care license is required for tattoo removal using a laser.In January 2013 the Secretary of Health ordered **Anissa D. Jenkins** to cease-and-desist the unlicensed practice of massage and pay a $1,000 fine.In January 2013 the Secretary of Health ordered **Larry Shepard** to cease-and-desist the unlicensed practice of medicine and pay a $1,000 fine. He advertised and admitted to performing laser tattoo removal services, which requires a health care license.**Out of StateCalifornia:** In December 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Jody H. Fossell** (RN00079757).**California:** In January 2013 the Medical Commission immediately suspended the credential of physician **Lana Lechabrier** (MD00027048). In August 2012 the Medical Board of California suspended her license in that state based on convictions for health care fraud and conspiracy to commit health care fraud. A federal court found that Lechabrier defrauded the Medicare program by billing for services not medically necessary, services not performed, and services not performed as billed.**North Carolina:** In January 2013 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Fulani Tammy Michelle** (RN00167230). In April 2011 the Iowa Board of Nursing indefinitely suspended her credential based on a criminal theft conviction for breaking into her former workplace to steal narcotics.**Oregon:** In January 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Francisca Cruz** (NA60167072). She didn’t comply with an agreement to submit quarterly performance reports.**Texas:** In January 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Karen Y. Schumann** (RN60156559). In August 2011 the Montana Board of Nursing suspended her nursing license in that state.The Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.