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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.

### King County

In October 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse license of **Marlene J. Lehman** (RN00142905). Lehman did not respond to charges that she used controlled substances, failed to administer narcotic medication according to nursing standards and failed to follow the medical wastage policy.

In August 2022 the Chiropractic Commission suspended the chiropractic license of **Daniel Brighton Thompson** (CH00003013). Thompson swore at a visiting Department of Health investigator and told the investigator to leave. He did not provide a written response to a department of health investigator.

### **Pierce County**

In October 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the licensed practical nurse credential of **Kristi Marie Auckland** (LP60270286). Auckland did not respond to charges stating that she took controlled substances, including oxycodone, from the facility without documenting administering them to a patient. Also, in January 2021, she was convicted of driving under the influence in Lakewood Municipal Court.

In October 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse license of **Nicholas Christian Keller** (RN60261908). Keller did not respond to charges that he diverted oxycodone from the workplace for his personal use.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In September 2022 the Nursing Commission and **Gerald Michael Baltz** (AP61002050-NP, RN61002076) agreed to the suspension, for at least six months, of his advanced registered nurse practitioner and registered nurse licenses. Baltz, whose licenses were already summarily suspended, had boundary issues with a patient and failed to care for a suicidal patient while working as an independent contractor in California.

**Missouri:** In October 2022 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse license of **Ryan Keith Belloir** (RN60682947). In November 2021, the California Board of Registered Nursing revoked Belloir's registered nurse license, stayed the revocation, and suspended his credential for possession of fentanyl and false entries in patient records. Belloir did not respond to Washington regulators' charges.

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