Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVES CEASE-AND-DESIST NOTICES

~ Division of Medical Quality Assurance serves 23 cease-and-desist notices in September 2014 ~

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health served 23 cease-and-desist notices during September to individuals practicing health care without a license, which is a felony-level criminal offense in many instances. Treatment by an unlicensed provider is dangerous and could result in further injury, disease or even death.

- Bella Wax Spa, Homestead, unlicensed practice as a Massage Establishment
- Keving Bhagratie, Orlando, unlicensed practice as a Radiological Technologist
- Coeye, Inc., West Melbourne, unlicensed practice as an Optical Establishment
- Alejandra Collazo, Orlando, unlicensed practice as a Registered Nurse
- Family Care Rehab, Miami, unlicensed practice as a Massage Establishment
- Kathleen L. Farrel, St. Petersburg, unlicensed practice of Psychology
- Manuel A. Fernandez-Gonzalez, Miami, unlicensed practice as a Medical Doctor
- Lauren Goss, Orlando, unlicensed practice as a Massage Therapist
- Healing Hands LLC, Longwood, unlicensed practice as a Massage Establishment
- JB Dental Lab, Orlando, unlicensed practice as a Dental Laboratory
- Pierrelyn Jeanty, Orlando, unlicensed practice as a Massage Therapist
- Kimberly Anne Kanarick, Melbourne, unlicensed practice of Psychology
- Hugh M. Le, Orlando, unlicensed practice as a Radiological Technologist
- **Dulce Matamoros**, Miami, unlicensed practice as a Psychologist
- Melanie Anne May, Mary Esther, unlicensed practice as a Massage Establishment
- M.B.S., Orlando, unlicensed practice as a Massage Establishment
- Relaxing Stress Free Massage, Panama City, unlicensed practice as a Massage Establishment
- Tatiana Santo-Domingo, Miami, unlicensed practice as a Marriage & Family Therapist
- Shupon Nakia Steele, Tampa, unlicensed practice as a Massage Therapist
- Boyu Wang, Jacksonville, unlicensed practice as a Massage Therapist
- Alyssa D. Warren (2), Pensacola, unlicensed practice of Mental Health Counseling
- Yue L. Zhang, Port Richey, unlicensed practice as a Massage Therapist

The Department's Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA) Unlicensed Activity (ULA) program under authority of *Florida Statute 456.065* protects Florida residents and visitors from the potentially serious consequences of receiving health care services from an unlicensed person. The ULA program investigates all unlicensed health care activity complaints and allegations and works in conjunction with law enforcement and the state attorney's offices to prosecute individuals practicing without a license.

The Department has several resources to combat unlicensed activity:

- Consumers are encouraged to use the Department's website, www.flhealthsource.gov, where they can conveniently view the license information of their health care practitioner.
- Complaints may be filed anonymously by completing and mailing the <u>complaint form</u> on the DOH website, or by calling 1-877-HALT-ULA. Complaints may also be filed via email at <u>HALTULA@flhealth.gov</u>.

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. During 2014, the Department is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida with educational opportunities and events. Please visit www.FLHealth125.gov for more information.

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