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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVES CEASE-AND-DESIST NOTICES

~ Division of Medical Quality Assurance served 59 cease-and-desist notices during the months of December and January ~

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida Department of Health served 59 cease-and-desist notices during the months of December and January on individuals practicing health care without a license, which is a felony-level criminal offense in many instances. Treatment by an unlicensed person is dangerous and could result in further injury, disease or even death.

- John Beshara Abdelsayed, Medical Doctor, North Palm Beach
- Emily Adkins, Pharmacist, Port Saint Lucie
- Aloha Foot and Body Massage, Massage Establishment, Pensacola
- Anytime Fitness, Massage Establishment, Bushnell
- Emilia Arnaud, Psychologist, Boca Raton
- Jessica Ayers, Medical Doctor, Pensacola
- Balanced Integrative Medicine, Massage Establishment, Doral
- Paulo Berejuk, Pharmacist, Cutler Bay
- Nilson Britto, Dental, Deerfield Beach
- Tae Suk Byun, Dental, Orlando
- Kevin Bruce Carey, Hearing Aid Specialist, Tallahassee
- China Hands Massage, Massage Establishment, Mary Esther
- Karen Correa, Radiologic Technology, Miami
- Vickie M. Davis, Massage Establishment, Juno Beach
- Julio Dominguez, Radiologic Technology, Miami
- Eyelab, Optical Establishment Permit, Pembroke Pines
- Zeqiu Feng, Massage Therapist, Brandon
- Robin Gomez, Medical Doctor, Navarre
- Michael Dean Goodman, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, West Palm Beach
- Heavenly Touches, Massage Establishment, Deerfield Beach
- Ron Hochstadt, Medical Doctor, Wellington
- Julie's Fashion, Optical Establishment Permit, Tallahassee
- Jianxiao Ke, Massage Therapist, West Palm Beach
- Key To Life Therapies, Massage Establishment, Palm Beach
- Sherri D. Kirkland, Medical Doctor, Ocala
- Steven Leblanc, Radiologic Technology, Sarasota
- Qingwei Liu, Massage Therapist, Sunrise
- Yun Pin Liu, Massage Therapist, Greenacres
- Man Spa, Massage Establishment, Tampa
- Massage by Jen, Massage Establishment, Tampa
- Massage Establishment, Massage Establishment, Tampa

- Miamibodyrubs.com, Massage Establishment, Fort Lauderdale
- Monarch Beauty Supply, Optical Establishment Permit, Jacksonville
- Damaris Montes De Oca, Dietetics/Nutritionist, Lake Mary
- Shirley Norwood, Medical Doctor, Boca Raton
- Jhanna Novikov, Medical Doctor, Boynton Beach
- Kiara Oberhaensli, Dietetics/Nutritionist, Melbourne
- Omnicare Medical Center, Massage Establishment, Orlando
- Pamper Yourself Massage, Massage Establishment, Dania Beach
- Myung Won Park, Dental, Orlando
- Steve Anthony Parodi, Massage Therapist, Destin
- Mo L. Qing, Massage Therapist, Tampa
- Ripon Food Mart, Optical Establishment Permit, Pompano Beach
- Rafeal Ariel Rodriguez-Prieto, Optician, Altamonte Springs
- Kimberly Rowe, Pharmacist, Fort Pierce
- Leonard Rubinstein, Medical Doctor, Sarasota
- Li Hua Shao, Massage Therapist, Boca Raton
- Shirley Simeone, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Tampa
- Success Nails or Nail Spa, Massage Establishment, Altamonte Springs
- Shu Fen Tang, Massage Therapist, Doral
- Marlina Evangelina Tapias, Acupuncturist, Doral
- Kim Tran, Massage Therapist, Holmes Beach
- VIP Sauna, Massage Establishment, Sarasota
- Fengling Wang, Massage Therapist, Merritt Island
- Abigail Whitaker, Medical Doctor, Pensacola
- Matthew R. Wilson, Pharmacist, Conway
- Hong Yu, Massage Therapist, Fort Lauderdale
- Jixu Zhang, Massage Therapist, Jacksonville
- Zheng Exian, Massage Therapist, Boca Raton

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, <u>www.flhealthsource.gov</u>, where they can conveniently view the license information of their health care practitioners.
- Complaints may be filed anonymously by completing and mailing the <u>complaint form</u> on the department's website, or by calling 1-877-HALT-ULA. Complaints may also be filed via email at <u>MQA.EnforcementULA@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.

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