

**S.C. Department of Public Health  
Healthcare Quality Enforcement Report**

**SUBJECT:** Healthcare Quality Administrative Orders and Consent Orders for the period of April 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025.

Bureau	Facility, Service, Provider, or Equipment Type	Administrative Orders	Consent Orders	Emergency Suspension Orders	Assessed Sanctions	Required Payment
Nursing Homes & Medical Services		0	0	0	0	0
Hospitals, Community Services, and Emergency Management	Paramedic	0	1	2	Suspensions Pending Investigation / Suspension / Successful completion of training classes and education	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>		0	1	2	0	0

Facility/Provider Type	Total Number of Certified EMT-Paramedics
Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedics	4,606 total Paramedics

**1. Robert Wayne Gladden, Jr. – Paramedic**

**Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement:** Department staff received allegations involving Gladden and potential violations of statute and/or regulation. On April 2, 2025, and as a result of the seriousness of the allegations, Department issued an order suspending Gladden’s certificate on an emergency basis pending further investigation of the allegations. Thereafter, Department staff completed its investigation and determined Gladden committed misconduct, as defined by statute and regulation, by: failing to provide to patients emergency medical treatment of a quality deemed acceptable by the Department, including failure to meet generally accepted standards for provision of care; contributing to or furthering the injury or illness of a patient under his care; and creating a substantial possibility that death or serious physical harm could result from his actions or inactions. The Department and Gladden met for an enforcement

conference and subsequently agreed to resolve this matter through a Consent Order which was executed on April 17, 2025. Gladden agreed to the suspension of a Paramedic certificate, issuance of an EMT certification that will be effective for one year. Upon completion of Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) class, Advanced Stroke Life Support (ASLS) class, and Advanced Medical Life Support class within one (1) year of the executed Consent Order, but not earlier than six (6) months, the Department will lift the suspension of the Paramedic certificate.

**Prior Orders:** None in the past five (5) years.

## **2. Steven Lipari – Paramedic**

**Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement:** Department staff received allegations involving Lipari and potential violations of statute and/or regulation. On April 25, 2025, and as a result of the seriousness of the allegations, Department issued an order suspending Lipari's certificate on an emergency basis pending further investigation of the allegations.

**Prior Orders:** None in the past five (5) years.