

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

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

| Bureau | Facility, Service, Provider, or Equipment Type | Administrative Orders | Consent Orders | Assessed Penalties | Required Payment |
|--|--|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Hospitals, Community Services, and Emergency Management | Certified EMT | 1 (Suspension) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Community Residential Care Facility | 0 | 1 | \$9,600 | \$6,000 |
| Nursing Homes & Medical Services | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 1 | 0 | \$9,600 | \$6,000 |

1. Christopher Michael Gugel – Certified Emergency Medical Technician

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff received allegations involving Gugel and potential violations of statute and/or regulation. On June 2, 2025, and as a result of the seriousness of the allegations, the Department issued an Emergency Suspension Order suspending Gugel’s certificate on an emergency basis pending further investigation of the allegations.

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

2. Dixon Community Care Home, Inc. – Licensed Community Residential Care Facility

Inspection(s) and Violation(s): Department staff conducted various inspections and investigations of the Facility to determine compliance with applicable laws. As a result of those visits, the Department observed and cited the following violations:

- The Facility failed to immediately report every serious accident and/or incident to the Department via telephone, email, or facsimile within twenty-four (24) hours of the serious accident and/or incident.
- The Facility failed to comply with S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-81-40(G) relating to its failure to ensure a resident was free from physical abuse.
- The Facility failed to comply with Regulation 61-25, *Retail Food Establishments*, as required for kitchen operation.

- The Facility failed to have menus planned and written at a minimum of one week in advance, posted in one or more conspicuous places, and document substitutions were made from the master menu.
- The Facility failed to have at least one-week supply of staple foods and a two-day supply of perishable foods maintained on its premises.
- The Facility failed to have snacks available and offered between meals.

Enforcement: The Department notified the Facility that it was considering enforcement action. On April 17, 2025, the Department and the Facility met for an enforcement conference. The parties attempted to agree to terms of a Consent Order, but such attempts were initially unsuccessful. Accordingly, on June 19, 2025, the Department issued an Administrative Order imposing a \$9,600 monetary penalty against the Facility. After issuance of the Administrative Order, the Facility contacted the Department about the enforcement. The parties subsequently had discussions and agreed to resolve the enforcement action through execution of a Consent Order on August 7, 2025. Pursuant to the Consent Order, the Facility agreed to: a monetary penalty of \$9,600, whereby it would make payment of \$6,000 in installment payments and the remaining \$3,600 is held in abeyance for a three-month period of substantial compliance with Regulation 60-84 and the Consent Order; and attend a compliance assistance meeting with the Department. Additionally, with execution of the Consent Order, the June 19, 2025 Administrative Order is considered null and void.

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