

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

SUBJECT: Healthcare Quality Administrative Orders and Consent Orders for the period of October 1, 2025, to October 31, 2025.

Bureau	Facility, Service, Provider, or Equipment Type	Administrative Orders	Consent Orders	Assessed Penalties	Required Payment
Hospitals, Community Services, and Emergency Management	Midwife	0	1(Emergency Suspension)	0	0
	Community Residential Care Facility	0	0	0	0
	Paramedic	0	2 1 (Emergency Suspension)	\$400	\$400
	Ambulance Agency	0	0	0	0
Nursing Homes & Medical Services		0	0	0	0
TOTAL		0	4	\$400	\$400

1. Lendra Cail – Licensed Midwife

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff received allegations involving Cail and potential regulatory violations. Department staff has initiated an investigation into the allegations that a fetal death while the client was either under the care of or immediately following the transfer of care from Cail. Due to the nature of the allegation involves acts and/or omissions directly related to patient care, including failure to manage problems in accord with sound obstetric and neonatal practice, failure to recognize the warning signs of abnormal or potentially abnormal conditions necessitating referral to a physician, failure to obtain medical consultation or refer for medical care the mother upon observing certain maternal conditions, and failure to carry out emergency measures in the absence of medical help, the Department has determined Cail shall be immediately suspended, pending further investigation.

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

2. Austin O’Connell – Certified Paramedic

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff received allegations involving O'Connell and potential statutory and regulatory violations. Department staff conducted an investigation and determined O'Connell committed a statutory and regulatory violation by falsifying a patient care report, which is an official document required by the Department; observed the administration of substandard care by another EMT without documenting the event and notifying a supervisor. On October 20, 2025, the Department and O'Connell executed a Consent Order whereby O'Connell agreed to make payment of a \$400 monetary penalty to the Department.

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

3. Jonathan Johnson – Paramedic Certificate

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff received allegations involving the Agency and potential statutory and regulatory violations. Department staff conducted an investigation and determined Johnson committed statutory and regulatory violations by failing to recognize the lethal cardiac rhythm ventricular fibrillation; failing to provide the appropriate treatment to the patient; by not attempting to insert a supraglottic airway device as per his EMS agency's protocol; by failing to recognize the improper placement of an endotracheal intubation tube, Johnson did not provide adequate ventilation to the patient in cardiac arrest. On October 15, 2025, the Department and Johnson executed a Consent Order whereby Johnson agreed to the suspension of his Paramedic Certificate. Upon execution of the Consent Order, the Department will issue Johnson an EMT Basic certification that will be effective for one year. Upon completion of Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support class, Advanced Medical Life Support class, a four-hour cardiac course, and a four-hour airway course, but not earlier than 6 months from execution of the Consent Order, the Department will lift the suspension of the Paramedic certificate.

On August 7, 2025, the Department and the Agency executed a Consent Order whereby the Agency agreed to make payment of a \$300 monetary penalty to the Department.

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

4. Wajid S. Edwards – Paramedic Certificate

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff received allegations involving Edwards and potential regulatory violations. Department staff has initiated an investigation into the allegations that Edwards failed to provide adequate emergency medical treatment to a patient on an October 1, 2025 call. Due to the nature of the allegation involves acts and/or omissions directly related to patient care, with the potential to result in further injury to the patient and/or potential creation of a substantial possibility that death or serious physical harm could result, the Department has determined Edwards shall be immediately suspended, pending further investigation.

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