

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

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

Bureau	Facility, Service, Provider, or Equipment Type	Administrative Orders	Consent Orders	Assessed Penalties	Required Payment
Hospitals, Community Services, and Emergency Management	Community Residential Care Facility	1	1	\$10,100	\$10,100
	Paramedic	1 (Emergency Suspension)	1	\$900.00	0
TOTAL		2	2	\$11,000	\$10,100

1. Lutheran Homes of South Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Heritage at Lowman Residential Care – Licensed Community Residential Care Facility

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff conducted an investigation inspection of the Facility on March 26, 2025. As a result of this visit, Department staff cited the Facility for violating Regulation 60-84 by:

- Failing to comply with S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-81-40(G) which requires residents be free from mental and physical abuse.

The Department notified the Facility it was considering enforcement. On October 27, 2025, The Department and the Facility met for an enforcement conference. The Department and Facility decided to resolve the matter through a Consent Order, which was executed on December 17, 2025. The Facility agreed to a monetary penalty of \$5,000.

Prior Orders:

None in the past five (5) years.

2. Upstate Residential Care, LLC d/b/a Upstate Residential – Licensed Community Residential Care Facility

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff conducted an investigation of the Facility on July 22, 2025. As a result of this visit, Department staff cited the Facility for violating Regulation 60-84 by:

- Failing to report a serious incident involving a resident to the Department within the required 24-hour timeframe; and

- Failing to comply with S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-81-40-G which requires residents be free from mental and physical abuse.

The Department notified the Facility it was considering enforcement. On October 16, 2025, the Department and Facility met for an enforcement conference. The Department and the Facility were unable to resolve the enforcement matter through a consent order. Therefore, after careful consideration and taking into consideration the alleged violations and their impact, or potential impact on the health and safety of residents, the Department determined it appropriate to issue an Administrative Order imposing a monetary penalty. On December 4, 2025, the Department issued an Administrative Order imposing a \$5,100 monetary penalty for the above violations.

Appeal: The Facility filed a request for contested case hearing challenging the Department's Administrative Order with the Administrative Law Court (ALC). This matter is pending with the ALC.

Prior Orders:

None within the last five years.

3. Daniel Smith - Certified Paramedic

Investigation, Violations and Enforcement: Department staff received allegations involving Smith and potential statutory and regulatory violations. On December 17, 2025, and as a result of the seriousness of the allegations, the Department issued an Emergency Suspension Order suspending Smith's certificate on an emergency basis pending further investigation of the allegations.

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

4. Marcus McKeive – Certified EMT

Investigation and Violations: Department staff investigated allegations of certain statutory and regulatory violations involving McKeive. On September 3, 2025, the Department issued a notice of alleged violation to McKeive placing him on notice that he committed misconduct, as defined by statute and regulation:

- by disregarding an appropriate order or protocol by a physician concerning emergency treatment;
- by creating a substantial possibility that death or serious physical harm could result from his inactions; and
- by failing to provide emergency medical treatment of a quality deemed acceptable by the Department.

Enforcement: The Department notified McKeive by certified mail it was considering enforcement. The parties met on October 29, 2025, and subsequently agreed to resolve this matter in accordance with a Consent Order. On December 17, 2025, the Department and McKeive executed a Consent Order. Pursuant to the Consent Order, McKeive agreed to the assessment of a \$900 monetary penalty which is being held in abeyance, pending McKeive successfully completing a Department-approved SC Paramedic Certification course within 18 months of the Consent Order.

Prior Orders:

None within the last 5 years.