

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

SUBJECT: Healthcare Quality Administrative Orders and Consent Orders for the period of January 1, 2026, to January 31, 2026

Bureau	Facility, Service, Provider, or Equipment Type	Administrative Orders	Consent Orders	Assessed Penalties	Required Payment
Hospitals, Community Services, and Emergency Management	Paramedic	2	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
	Licensed Midwife	1	0	0	0
TOTAL		3	1	\$750.00	\$750.00

1. 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.

The Department concluded its investigation and determined Lipari 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 contributing to or furthering the injury or illness of a patient under his care without mitigating circumstance; by acting to disrespect, demean, disparage a patient; using profane, vulgar, or obscene language to or directed at a patient; or derogating from standard professional conduct; by disregarding an appropriate order by a physician concerning emergency treatment, including protocol violations without appropriate justification; and by discontinuing care or abandoning a patient without the patient’s consent or without providing for the further administration of care by an equal or higher authority.

The Department and Lipari met for an enforcement conference at which Lipari was provided an opportunity to be heard by the Department. The Department proposed resolving this matter through a consent order; however, Lipari did not sign it. On January 16, 2026, and as a result of the foregoing, the Department issued an Administrative Order revoking Lipari’s paramedic certificate.

Prior Orders:

None in the past five (5) years.

2. Ellis Roberts – Certified EMT

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff received allegations involving Roberts and potential and regulatory violations. According to records obtained by the Department, on or about February 2, 2024, Mr. Roberts was arrested and charged with sexual exploitation of a minor, third degree, which is a felony. On February 15, 2024, and as a result of the seriousness of the allegations, the Department issued an Emergency Suspension Order suspending Robert's certificate on an emergency basis pending further investigation into potential misconduct based upon criminal charges.

On December 8, 2025, Roberts pled guilty to the criminal offense of sexual exploitation of a minor, third degree, as defined in S.C. Code Ann. Section 16-15-410(A). On December 19, 2025, the Department mailed a notice of alleged violation to Roberts placing him on notice that he committed misconduct, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-61-80(F)(2) and Regulation 60-7 Section 302(B)(3)(b). The notice also explained that Roberts could submit a written explanation of his disagreement, if any, with the Department's finding of violation and could request an enforcement conference at which he would have an opportunity to show compliance with the Act and Regulation. Roberts did not respond to the December 19, 2025 notice. On January 29, 2026, and as a result of the foregoing, the Department issued an Administrative Order revoking Roberts' EMT certificate.

Prior Orders:

None within the last five years.

3. Ricky King - Certified Paramedic

Investigation, Violations and Enforcement: Department staff received allegations involving King and potential violations of statute and/or regulation. On October 29, 2025, the Department issued a notice of alleged violation to King 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.

The Department notified King by certified mail it was considering enforcement. The parties met on January 9, 2026, for an enforcement conference, and subsequently agreed to resolve this matter in accordance with a Consent Order. On January 15, 2026, the Department and King executed a Consent Order. Pursuant to the Consent Order, King agreed to the assessment of a \$750 monetary penalty made payable to the Department as well as King successfully completing a Advanced Medical Life Support class and a Geriatrics for Emergency Medical Services class within one year of the executed Consent Order.

Prior Orders:

None within the last 5 years.

4. Angela Springer – Licensed Midwife

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff conducted a complaint investigation of Springer concerning a labor and delivery, which resulted in the following cited violations of Regulation 60-24:

- F.4.e. – by failing to ensure that each prenatal visit included the weight;
- G.1.b. – by failing to assess and monitor maternal and fetal well-being;

- G.1.g. – by failing to manage problems in accordance with sound obstetric and neonatal practice;
- G.5 – by administering a drug or medication other than those allowed to be provided by midwives pursuant to Section G.5.a. through -c;
- K.36 – by failing to obtain medical consultation or refer for medical care, a woman who had persistent or recurrent fetal heart tones significantly below the baseline; and
- K.45 – by failing to obtain medical consultation, or refer for medical care, a woman who had a pulse over 100.

The Department notified Springer by certified mail it was considering enforcement. On January 8, 2026, the parties met for an enforcement conference. On January 30, 2026, and as a result of the foregoing, the Department issued an Administrative Order revoking the license of Angela J. Springer to practice midwifery.

Appeals:

Springer filed a request for contested case hearing with the Administrative Law Court challenging the Department's Administrative Order.

Prior Orders:

None within the last five years.