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

SUBJECT: Healthcare Quality Administrative Orders and Consent Orders for the period of September 1, 2026, to September 30, 2026.

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 (CRCF)	0	1	$10,400	$10,400
	EMTs / Paramedics	1 (Emergency Suspension)	1	$75	$75
TOTAL		**1**	**2**	**$10,475**	**$10,475**

1. Bevid Place, LLC., d/b/a Bevid Place – Licensed Community Residential Care Facility (CRCF)

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff conducted investigations and/or inspections of the Facility on August 14, 2025, October 15, 2025, January 23, 2026, February 10, 2026, February 19, 2026, March 24, 2026, and May 5, 2026. As a result of these visits, Department staff cited the Facility for violating Regulation 60-84 by:

- The Facility failed to implement their own written policies and procedures, Specifically, Workplace Safety-Abuse neglect, and Exploitation and Elopement/Missing Resident.
- The Facility failed to immediately report two serious incidents involving residents to the Department via telephone, email, or facsimile within 24 hours of the serious accident and/or incidents.
- The Facility failed to submit a written report of its investigation of every serious accident and/or incident to the Department within five (5) days of the incident.
- The Facility failed to take precautions for residents with special conditions.
- The Facility failed by having medications left in resident rooms who do not have written orders by a physician to self-administer.
- The Facility failed to comply with Regulation 61-25, Retail Food Establishments, as required for kitchen operation.
- The Facility failed to keep all equipment and building components in good repair and operating condition.
- The Facility failed to ensure the Facility was clean, and free of vermin and offensive odors.
- The Facility failed to properly store chemicals indicated as harmful on the product label, inaccessible to residents.
- The Facility failed to ensure that supplies/equipment susceptible to water damage/contamination are not stored directly on the floor or under sinks.

The Department notified the Facility by certified mail that it was considering enforcement. On June 30, 2026, the parties met for an enforcement conference. The Department and Facility decided to resolve the matter through a Consent Order, which was executed on September 10, 2026. Pursuant to the Consent Order, the Facility agreed to a $10,400 monetary penalty for its violations of Regulation 60-84.

Prior Orders: On November 18, 2024, and as a result of various violations, the Department and the Facility executed a consent order whereby the Facility agreed to assessment of a $17,500 monetary penalty, with $7,500 paid within 30 days of execution of the Consent Order and the remaining $10,000 of the assessed monetary penalty stayed upon a six-month period of substantial compliance with Regulation 60-84 and the Consent Order.

Update: In the six months following the executed Consent Order dated November 18, 2024, the Department conducted multiple inspections and investigations. The Department cited the Facility for four repeat Class II violations from the executed Consent Order. On June 5, 2025, pursuant to the Consent Order, the Department called in $3,000 of the agreed upon civil penalty of the remaining $10,000 balance that was stayed upon for a six-month period of substantial non-compliance with Regulation 60-84 and the Consent Order.

2. James H. Estes – Certified Paramedic

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff received allegations involving Estes and potential violations of statute and/or regulation. As a result of the seriousness of the allegations, on August 21, 2026, the Department issued an order suspending Estes's certificate on an emergency basis pending further investigation of the allegations.

Prior Orders:

None in the past five (5) years.

3. Jay Lawson– Certified Paramedic

Inspection(s), Violation(s), and Enforcement: Department staff received allegations involving Lawson and potential violations of statute and/or regulation. Department staff conducted an investigation and determined Lawson committed a statutory and regulatory violation by committing misconduct, allowing his uncertified partner to assume patient care and perform patient handover to McLeod Health Cheraw Emergency Room and by transporting multiple non-incident related patients in the ambulance together, violating both patients' right to privacy under Federal HIPPA Act. On September 28, 2026, the Department and Lawson executed a Consent Order whereby Lawson agreed to make payment of a $75 monetary penalty to the Department.

Prior Orders:

None in the past five (5) years.