

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

SUBJECT: Healthcare Quality Administrative Orders and Consent Orders for the period of August 1, 2024, to August 31, 2024.

Bureau	Facility, Service, Provider, or Equipment Type	Administrative Orders	Consent Orders	Assessed Penalties	Required Payment
Hospitals, Community Services, and Emergency Management	Emergency Medical Technicians	0	5	\$300; trainings; suspensions	\$300
TOTAL		0	5	\$300; trainings; suspensions	\$300

HEALTHCARE QUALITY ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Bureau of Hospitals, Community Services, and Emergency Management

Facility/Provider Type	Total Number of Licensed Facilities/Providers
EMTs (Basic, Advanced, and Paramedic)	13,556

1. Christina Fuentes – Certified EMT Basic

Inspection(s) and Violation(s): Department staff investigated allegations of certain statutory and regulatory violations involving Fuentes. Department staff determined Fuentes committed misconduct, as defined by statute and regulation, by performing a skill above the level for which she was certified or performing skills that she was not trained to do.

Enforcement: On March 11, 2024, the Department notified Fuentes that it was considering enforcement action. The Department and Fuentes agreed to resolve this matter through a Consent Order which was executed on August 22, 2024. Fuentes agreed to a \$300 monetary penalty.

Prior Orders: None.

2. Tian Griffieth – Certified EMT Basic

Inspection(s) and Violation(s): Department staff investigated allegations of certain statutory and regulatory violations involving Griffieth. Department staff determined Griffieth committed misconduct, as defined by statute and regulation, 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 medical authority.

Enforcement: The Department notified Griffieth that it was considering enforcement action. On July 15, 2024, the Department and Griffieth met for an enforcement conference. The Department and Griffieth agreed to resolve this matter through a Consent Order which was executed on August 22, 2024. Griffieth agreed to: a six-month suspension of his certificate which will be held in abeyance for a period of six months pending his compliance with the EMS Act, Regulation, and conditions imposed by the Consent Order; completion of Advanced Stroke Life Support Course within six months; and completion of one and a half hours of documentation training.

Prior Orders: None.

3. Abigail Ebert – Certified Paramedic

Inspection(s) and Violation(s): Department staff investigated allegations of certain statutory and regulatory violations involving Ebert. Department staff determined Ebert committed misconduct, as defined by statute and regulation, 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 medical authority.

Enforcement: The Department notified Ebert that it was considering enforcement action. On July 15, 2024, Ebert and the Department met for an enforcement conference. The Department and Ebert agreed to resolve this matter through a Consent Order which was executed on August 15, 2024. Ebert agreed to complete a Principles of Ethics and Personal Leadership (PEPL) course within six months of execution of the Consent Order.

Prior Orders: None.

4. Leroy Dennis – Certified Paramedic

Inspection(s) and Violation(s): Department staff investigated allegations of certain statutory and regulatory violations involving Dennis. Department staff determined Dennis committed misconduct, as defined by statute and regulation, by being guilty of falsification of documentation as required by the Department.

Enforcement: The Department notified Dennis that it was considering enforcement action. The Department and Dennis agreed to resolve this matter through a Consent Order which was executed on August 22, 2024. Dennis agreed to complete a PEPL course within six months of execution of the Consent Order.

Prior Orders: None.

5. James Little – Certified EMT Basic

Inspection(s) and Violation(s): Department staff investigated allegations of certain statutory and regulatory violations involving Little. Department staff determined Little committed misconduct, as defined by statute and regulation, by: creating a substantial possibility that death or serious physical harm could result from his actions and inactions; and disregarding an appropriate order by a physician concerning emergency treatment.

Enforcement: The Department notified Little that it was considering enforcement action. On July 3, 2024, Little and the Department met for an enforcement conference. The Department and Little agreed to resolve this matter through a Consent Order which was executed on August 15, 2024. Little agreed to: a suspension of his certificate for six months following execution of the Consent Order or until completion of the training required pursuant to the Consent Order, whichever is later; completion of a Department-approved EMT-refresher within six months after execution of the Consent Order; completion of a Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support course within six months after execution of the Consent Order; and completion of a Department-approved crowd management course within six months after execution of the Consent Order.

Prior Orders: None.