

SUMMARY SHEET  
SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

January 4, 2024

- ( ) ACTION/DECISION  
(X) INFORMATION

- I. TITLE:** Healthcare Quality Administrative and Consent Orders.
- II. SUBJECT:** Healthcare Quality Administrative Orders and Consent Orders for the period of October 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023.
- III. FACTS:** For the period of October 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023, Healthcare Quality reports one Administrative Order and six Consent Orders totaling \$8,990 in assessed monetary penalties/refunds.

Bureau	Facility, Service, Provider, or Equipment Type	Administrative Orders	Consent Orders	Assessed Penalties	Required Payment
Community Care	Community Residential Care Facilities		3	\$1,500	\$1,500
Healthcare Systems and Services	Hearing Aid Specialist	1		\$6,990 *Required refund	\$6,990 *Required refund
	Paramedic		1	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>		1	4	<b>\$8,990</b>	<b>\$8,990</b>

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HEALTHCARE QUALITY ENFORCEMENT REPORT  
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**Bureau of Community Care**

Facility Type	Total Number of Licensed Facilities	Total Number of Licensed Beds
Community Residential Care Facilities (CRCFs)	463	22,254

**1. Paths of Hope Community Residential Care – Richland County – 9 licensed beds**

**Investigation and Violations:** On July 10, 2023, and August 7, 2023, Department staff issued citations-by-mail to the Facility for violating Regulation 61-84 Section 502.A regarding its failure to have a licensed CRCF administrator.

**Enforcement:** Department staff and the Facility agreed to resolve this matter via an expedited consent order where the Facility agreed to immediately retain a licensed administrator and to pay a \$500 monetary penalty.

**Remedial Action:**

**Prior Orders:** None in the past five years.

**2. Watercrest Columbia Assisted Living and Memory Care – Richland County – 118 licensed beds**

**Investigation and Violations:** On July 10, 2023, and August 3, 2023, Department staff issued citations-by-mail to the Facility for violating Regulation 61-84 Section 502.A regarding its failure to have a licensed CRCF administrator.

**Enforcement:** Department staff and the Facility agreed to resolve this matter via an expedited consent order where the Facility agreed to immediately retain a licensed administrator and to pay a \$500 monetary penalty.

**Remedial Action:**

**Prior Orders:** None in the past five years.

**3. Brookwood Community Residence – Lexington County – 8 licensed beds**

**Investigation and Violations:** On July 14, 2023, and August 7, 2023, Department staff issued citations-by-mail to the Facility for violating Regulation 61-84 Section 502.A regarding its failure to have a licensed CRCF administrator.

**Enforcement:** Department staff and the Facility agreed to resolve this matter via an expedited consent order where the Facility agreed to immediately retain a licensed administrator and to pay a \$500 monetary penalty.

**Remedial Action:**

**Prior Orders:** None in the past five years.

**Bureau of Healthcare Systems and Services**

<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Total Number of Licensed Hearing Aid Specialists</b>
Hearing Aid Specialist	171

**1. Steven G. Peek**

**Investigation and Violations:** Department staff conducted several complaint investigations of Mr. Peek. As a result of the investigations, Department staff determined Mr. Peek committed various statutory and regulatory violations. In particular, Department staff determined Mr. Peek obtained fees or made sales by fraud and/or misrepresentation, in violation of statute and regulation.

**Enforcement:** Department staff invited Mr. Peek to an enforcement conference to discuss the alleged statutory and regulatory violations; however, Mr. Peek did not attend the scheduled enforcement conference and did not otherwise contact Department staff about rescheduling. Accordingly, Department staff issued an administrative order requiring Mr. Peek to transmit to the Department a refund check in the amount of \$6,990.00 for his violations of statute and regulation. Mr. Peek has not transmitted the refund check to the Department.

**Remedial Action:** none

**Prior Orders:** None in the past 5 years.

Provider Type	Total Number of Certified Paramedics
Paramedic	4,473

### 1. Jojuan Pitts

**Investigation and Violations:** Department staff received and opened an investigation on April 28, 2022. The complaint alleged Mr. Pitts physically assaulted a patient in his ambulance. Department staff determined that Mr. Pitts committed misconduct, as defined by statute and regulation, in that his actions, without mitigating circumstances, contributed to or furthered the injury or illness of a patient under his care.

**Enforcement:** On July 19, 2023, the Department notified Mr. Pitts that it was considering enforcement action. The parties met on August 2, 2023, for an enforcement conference. Mr. Pitts and Department staff agreed to resolve this via a consent order where Mr. Pitts agreed to the assessment of a \$500 monetary penalty and to complete certain classes/courses (see below).

**Remedial Action:** Mr. Pitts completed the required Professional Ethics and Personal Leadership (PEPL) course and online courses regarding first response, service to self, and creating safe scenes.

**Prior Orders:** None in the past 5 years.