

SUMMARY SHEET
SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

April 11, 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 February 1, 2024, through February 29, 2024.
- III. FACTS:** For the period of February 1, 2024, through February 29, 2024, Healthcare Quality reports two Consent Orders totaling \$9,150 in assessed monetary penalties.

Bureau	Facility, Service, Provider, or Equipment Type	Administrative Orders	Consent Orders	Assessed Penalties	Required Payment
Community Care	Community Residential Care Facilities	0	1	\$9,000	\$9,000
Healthcare Systems and Services	EMT Paramedic	0	1	\$150	\$150
TOTAL			2	\$9,150	\$9,150

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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)	461	22,248

1. Brighter Senior Care LLC d/b/a Seneca Residential Care – Seneca County – 33 licensed beds

Investigation and Violations: From December 7, 2022, to August 14, 2023, the Department visited Seneca Residential Care (the Facility) multiple times to conduct various types of inspections and investigations that it does of all licensed CRCFs. As a result of those visits, Department staff observed and cited the following violations of Regulation 61-84:

- The Facility failed to employ a licensed CRCF administrator.
- The Facility admitted a resident that needed treatment for a stage two decubitus ulcer.
- The Facility retained residents needing nursing services for more than 14 days.
- The Facility failed to render care and services in accordance with physicians' orders.
- The Facility failed to initial medication administration records as medications were administered.
- The Facility failed to ensure discontinued medications were stored separately from current medications.

Enforcement: The Department notified the Facility that an enforcement action was being considered. The Department and the Facility met and agreed to resolve this matter through a Consent Order, which was executed on February 13, 2024. The Facility agreed to the assessment of a \$9,000 monetary penalty through three monthly payments of \$3,000.

Remedial Action: The Facility further agreed to a suspension of admission of new residents and to correct the violations that initiated the enforcement action. The Facility also agreed to schedule and attend a compliance assistance meeting.

Prior Orders: None in the past 5 years.

Bureau of Healthcare Systems and Services

Provider Type	Total Number of Certified Paramedics
Paramedic	4,473

1. Eric D. Harold

Investigation and Violations: Department staff investigated a self-reported incident involving Mr. Harold. Department staff determined Mr. Harold committed misconduct, as defined by statute and regulation, in that: he disregarded an appropriate order concerning emergency treatment; he discontinued care of a patient without providing for the further administration of care by an equal or higher medical authority; and he falsified documentation required by the Department.

Enforcement: On November 28, 2023, the Department notified Mr. Harold that it was considering enforcement action. The Parties met on December 13, 2023, for an enforcement conference. Mr. Harold and Department staff agreed to resolve this via a Consent Order, which was executed on February 12, 2024. Mr. Harold agreed to the assessment of a \$150 monetary penalty and to completion of certain training (see below).

Remedial Action: Mr. Harold paid the monetary penalty and completed a National Association of Counties Professional Development Leadership Class.

Prior Orders: None in the past 5 years.