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

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

Bureau	Facility, Service, Provider, or Equipment Type	Administrative Orders	Consent Orders	Assessed Penalties	Required Payment
Hospitals, Community Services, and Emergency Management	Community Residential Care Facilities	1	1	Suspension (AO); \$5,000 (CO)	\$5,000
	Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic	1	0	Suspension Pending Investigation	NA
TOTAL		1	1	\$5,000	\$5,000

HEALTHCARE QUALITY ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Bureau of Hospitals, Community Services, and Emergency Management

Facility/Provider Type	Total Number of Licensed Facilities
Community Residential Care Facilities	460

1. Cabading Home, Inc. d/b/a Cabading Homes #3 – CRCF at 2149 Dorchester Rd., North Charleston, S.C.

Inspection(s) and Violation(s): Department staff conducted a routine fire and life safety inspection of the Facility on February 1, 2024. As a result of this visit, Department staff observed and cited the Facility for violating Regulation 61-84 Section 2201.A for failing to maintain halls, corridors and all other means of egress from the building to be free of obstructions.

Enforcement: On February 22, 2024, the Department notified the Facility that it was considering an enforcement action. On March 13, 2024, the parties met for an enforcement conference. The Department and the Facility agreed to resolve this matter though a Consent Order which was executed on May 17, 2024. The Facility agreed to the assessment of a \$5,000 monetary penalty made payable through three monthly installments.

Prior Orders: In August 2023, the Department and the Facility executed a Consent Order as a result of various alleged violations. Pursuant to the Consent Order, the Facility agreed to assessment of a \$12,425 monetary penalty, whereby \$6,212 would be paid in three monthly installments, and \$6,213 was held in abeyance for a six-month period of substantial compliance.

2. Brighter Senior Care LLC d/b/a Seneca Residential Care Center – CRCF at 126 Tokeena Road, Seneca, SC 29678

Inspection(s) and Violation(s): On February 13, 2024, the Department and the Facility executed a consent order as a result of various regulatory violations, in particular its violations related to its failure to employ a licensed CRCF administrator. As part of the consent order, the Facility agreed to, among other things, initiate action to correct violations including hiring a licensed administrator. On April 9, 2024, the Department visited the facility to conduct a routine follow-up inspection and again cited the Facility for its failure to employ a licensed CRCF administrator.

Enforcement: On May 31, 2024, after careful consideration and numerous attempts to assist the Facility with obtaining regulatory compliance, the Department issued an Administrative Order revoking the license issued to Brighter Senior Care, LLC to operate Seneca Residential Care Center as a CRCF.

Prior Orders: As noted, on February 13, 2024, the Department and the Facility executed a consent order whereby the Facility agreed to assessment of a \$9,000 monetary penalty and to initiate action to correct the violations that prompted the enforcement.

Appeal: On or around July 16, 2024, the Facility filed a request for contested case hearing with the Administrative Law Court (ALC) challenging the Department's decision to revoke the license. As of

September 12, 2024, the contested case is still pending with the ALC. On September 26, 2024, the Department and the Facility filed a Joint Consent Motion for Dismissal with the ALC informing the ALC that the parties have reached an agreement and settled the case. As part of the agreement, Brighter Senior Care, LLC transferred ownership of the facility to a new owner/operator. The Department agreed to rescind and withdraw the Administrative Order. On October 3, 2024, an Order of Dismissal was filed whereby the ALC granted the Joint Consent Motion and dismissed the contested case.

Facility/Provider Type	Total Number of Certified EMT-Paramedics	
Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedics	4,421	

1. Hillary Chance – Certified Paramedic

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

Prior Orders: None in the past five (5) years.