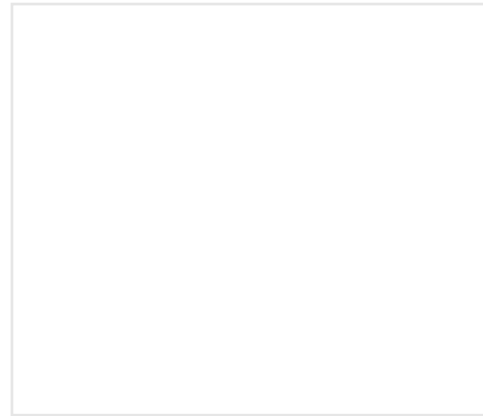


Two SC Abortion Clinics Suspended

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Columbia, SC (WLTX) - South Carolina's health agency has told two of the state's three abortion clinics they must correct violations or face being shut down by the end of the month.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control Friday said it has given an administrative order of suspension to the Planned Parenthood facility in Columbia and the Greenville Women's Clinic. Minor violations were also found at the Charleston Women's Medical Center.



DHEC sent inspectors to the facilities between August 31 and September 4. According to the agency, they found 21 violations at the Columbia Planned Parenthood site, including the following: non-compliance with the Woman's Right to Know Act, incomplete medical and employee records, expired medications, improper infectious waste disposal practices, and failure to report abortions to DHEC Vital Statistics in a timely manner.

[Read the Full Inspection Report on Planned Parenthood in Columbia](#)

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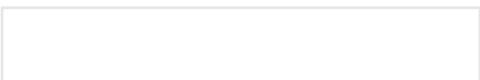
At the Greenville clinic, they noted six violations: non-compliance with the Woman's Right to Know Act, incomplete medical record documentation, and improper infectious waste disposal practices.

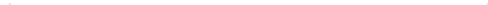
The Columbia and Greenville facilities must submit a plan of correction to DHEC by September 28, as well as show proof of staff training and pay any penalties or face closure.

Last month, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley requested the inspections following the release of secretly taped videos of Planned Parenthood officials. In the recordings, the officials discussed the collection of fetal tissue for research.

The tapes caused outrage for conservative politicians nationwide, and calls were made to remove all federal funding for the agency.

"This is completely unacceptable," Haley said of the violations that were discovered. "I fully support DHEC's actions, including its referral of the matter to SLED. South Carolina is a compassionate state, and we are a state of laws. We will not tolerate law breaking of any kind, particularly as it relates to the callous treatment of human life."





Jenny Black, the CEO of Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, questioned if the move may be politically motivated.

"Our health center was inspected less than a year ago and was found to have 100% compliance with state regulations," Black said. "The reported administrative and operational issues do not rise to the level of shutting down health centers. We are reviewing all of the issues that were raised in these inspections and will of course comply with all state requests. We are deeply concerned that this investigation is politically motivated and that this political interference could prevent some women from getting high-quality care."

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson said in a statement that his office would review the matter to determine if criminal action is warranted.

