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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR**

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

**JOHN BRENT ARAKELIAN,
Respondent.**

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Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) requires the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation (Administrative Director) to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider if the individual or entity has been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor and that crime either: (1) involves fraud or abuse of the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs, the Medi-Cal program, or the workers' compensation system, or fraud or abuse of any patient; (2) relates to the conduct of the individual's medical practice as it pertains to patient care; or (3) is a financial crime that relates to the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs, the Medi-Cal program, or the workers' compensation system.

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Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(B) requires the Administrative Director to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider if the individual or entity has been suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs or the Medi-Cal program.

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Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(C) requires the Administrative Director to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider whose license, certification or approval to provide health care services has been surrendered or revoked.

1 On or about October 7, 2014, Respondent John Brent Arakelian (Arakelian) was
2 convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, of crimes described in
3 Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A). (People v. Arakelian, Case No. BF157522A.)

4 On or about January 7, 2016, Respondent Arakelian was suspended, due to
5 fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs.

6 On or about December 15, 2015, Respondent Arakelian's license, certification or
7 approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Board of
8 Chiropractic Examiners of California, Department of Consumer Affairs.

9 On or about September 15, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to
10 Respondent Arakelian a written notice of the right to a hearing regarding the suspension
11 and the procedure to follow to request a hearing, as provided in Labor Code section
12 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1.

13 Pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations,
14 title 8, section 9788.1(d), the written notice advised Respondent Arakelian that the
15 suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written
16 notice, unless Respondent Arakelian submitted a written request for a hearing within ten
17 (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

18 Respondent Arakelian did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10)
19 calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

20 The Administrative Director is required to suspend any physician, practitioner, or
21 provider pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21 and California Code of Regulations,
22 title 8, section 9788.2, after thirty (30) days from the date the notice was mailed, unless
23 the physician, practitioner, or provider submits a written request for a hearing within ten
24 (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice;

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1 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent John Brent Arakelian is hereby
2 suspended from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a
3 physician, practitioner, or provider.

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5 Date: October 26, 2022

6 /s/ George P. Parisotto
7 George P. Parisotto
8 Administrative Director
9 Division of Workers' Compensation
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