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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

**MARGARET LUTHRA,
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 April 30, 2018, Respondent Margaret Luthra (Luthra) was convicted
2 in the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, of crimes described in
3 Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A). (United States of America v. Margaret Luthra,
4 Case No. 3:15-CR-30032-001-MGM, affd. August 6, 2020, U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 1st Dist.,
5 Case No. 18-1980.)

6 On or about May 16, 2019, Respondent Luthra was suspended, due to fraud or
7 abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs.

8 On or about, October 31, 2018, Respondent Luthra's license, certification or
9 approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Medical
10 Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs.

11 On or about July 26, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to Respondent
12 Luthra a written notice of the right to a hearing regarding the suspension and the
13 procedure to follow to request a hearing, as provided in Labor Code section
14 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1.

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

20 Respondent Luthra did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10)
21 calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

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

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

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6 Date: September 12, 2022

/S/ George P. Parisotto
George P. Parisotto
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation

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