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

5 **In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION**

6 **SEKHAR SURYADEVARA RAO,**

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8 **Respondent.**

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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11 WHEREAS, Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) requires the Administrative Director
12 to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the workers'
13 compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider if the individual has been
14 convicted of any felony or misdemeanor described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A);
15 and

16 WHEREAS, on or about August 29, 2022, Respondent Sekhar Suryadevara Rao
17 (Sekhar Rao) pled guilty to or was found guilty of one or more felonies or misdemeanors
18 described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) in the United States District Court,
19 Northern District of Texas; and

20 WHEREAS, Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(B) requires the Administrative Director
21 to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the workers'
22 compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider who has been suspended,
23 due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs; and

24 WHEREAS, Sekhar Rao was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal
25 Medicare or Medicaid programs; and

26 WHEREAS, Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(C) requires the Administrative Director
27 to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the workers'
28 compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider whose license, certification,

1 or approval to provide health care services has been surrendered or revoked; and

2 WHEREAS, on or about January 17, 2023, Sekhar Rao' license, certification, or
3 approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Medical Board,
4 Department of Consumer Affairs; and

5 WHEREAS, on or about January 11, 2024, the Administrative Director mailed to
6 Sekhar Rao a written notice of the right to a hearing regarding the suspension and the
7 procedure to follow to request a hearing, as provided in Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2)
8 and California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1; and

9 WHEREAS, pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of
10 Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1(d), the written notice advised Sekhar Rao that the
11 suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice,
12 unless Sekhar Rao submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days
13 of the date of mailing of the notice; and

14 WHEREAS, Sekhar Rao did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10)
15 calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

21 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent Sekhar Rao is hereby suspended from
22 participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

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25 Date: March 19, 2024

25 /S/ George Parisotto
26 George Parisotto
27 Administrative Director
28 Division of Workers' Compensation