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

**In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION**  
**FERN ROSS,**  
**Respondent.**

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

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Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(B) 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 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.

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On or about September 3, 2009, Respondent Fern Ross's (Ross) license, certification or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, Department of Consumer Affairs.

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Respondent Ross was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs.

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On or about September 29, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to Respondent Ross a written notice of the right to a hearing regarding the suspension and the procedure to follow to request a hearing, as provided in Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1.

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

6 Respondent Ross did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10)  
7 calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

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

13 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent Fern Ross is hereby suspended  
14 from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a physician,  
15 practitioner, or provider.

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17 Date: November 9, 2022

/S/ George P. Parisotto

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19 George P. Parisotto  
20 Administrative Director  
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