

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
3 DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION
4 BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

5 In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

6 MARLA RICKETTS,

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

14 WHEREAS, on or about January 5, 2017, Marla Ricketts pled guilty to or was found guilty of
15 one or more felonies or misdemeanors described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) in the United
16 States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; and

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

21 WHEREAS, Marla Ricketts was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or
22 Medicaid programs; and

23 WHEREAS, on or about July 20, 2018, the Administrative Director mailed to Marla Ricketts a
24 written notice of the right to a hearing regarding the suspension and the procedure to follow to request a
25 hearing, as provided in Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations, title 8,
26 section 9788.1; and

27 WHEREAS, pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations,
28 title 8, section 9788.1(d), the written notice advised Marla Ricketts that the suspension would start thirty
(30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Marla Ricketts submitted

1 a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

2 WHEREAS, Marla Ricketts did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10) calendar
3 days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

4 WHEREAS, the Administrative Director is required to suspend any physician, practitioner, or
5 provider pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21 and Title 8, California Code of Regulations section
6 9788.2, after thirty (30) days from the date the notice was mailed, unless the physician, practitioner, or
7 provider submits a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of
8 the notice;

9 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Marla Ricketts is hereby suspended from participating in the
10 workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

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12 Date: September 14, 2018



13 GEORGE PARISOTTO
14 Administrative Director
15 Division of Workers' Compensation
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