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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

CANDELARIA VALDEZ,
Respondent.

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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

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WHEREAS, on or about September 13, 2016, Candelaria Valdez pled guilty to or was found guilty of one or more felonies or misdemeanors described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) in the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside; and

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

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WHEREAS, Candelaria Valdez was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs; and

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WHEREAS, on or about September 22, 2017, the Administrative Director mailed to Candelaria Valdez 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; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1(d), the written notice advised Candelaria Valdez that the suspension would start

1 thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Candelaria Valdez submitted
2 a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

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

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

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13 Date: October 27, 2017



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