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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION
ROBERTA WARD,
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 February 24, 2017, Respondent Roberta Ward's (Ward) license, certification or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the California Respiratory Care Board, Department of Consumer Affairs.

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On or about May 3, 2017, Respondent Ward was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs.

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On or about October 5, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to Respondent Ward 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 Ward that the
3 suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written
4 notice, unless Respondent Ward submitted a written request for a hearing within ten
5 (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

6 Respondent Ward 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 Roberta Ward 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 17, 2022

/S/ George P. Parisotto

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19 George P. Parisotto
20 Administrative Director
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