

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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

**STEPHANIE LYNN KUTTA,
aka STEPHANIE L. BLACKFORD,**

Respondent.

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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

WHEREAS, on or about November 16, 2023, Respondent Stephanie Lynn Kutta, aka Stephanie L. Blackford (Stephanie Kutta) 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 Orange, and

WHEREAS, Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(C) requires the Administrative Director to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider whose license, certification, or approval to provide health care services has been surrendered or revoked; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 17, 2024, Stephanie Kutta's license, certification, or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 5, 2025, the Administrative Director mailed to Stephanie Kutta a written notice of the right to a hearing regarding the suspension and the

1 procedure to follow to request a hearing, as provided in Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2)
2 and California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1; and

3 WHEREAS, pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of
4 Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1(d), the written notice advised Stephanie Kutta that the
5 suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice,
6 unless Stephanie Kutta submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar
7 days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

8 WHEREAS, Stephanie Kutta did not submit a written request for hearing within ten
9 (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

15 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent Stephanie Kutta is hereby suspended
16 from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or
17 provider.

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19 Date: September 30, 2025

/S/ George P. Parisotto

George P. Parisotto
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation