

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RAUL BAILON MARTINEZ, *Applicant*

vs.

VILLA PARK LANDSCAPE; OAK RIVER INSURANCE, *Defendant*

**Adjudication Number: ADJ16834660
Anaheim District Office**

**OPINION AND DECISION
AFTER RECONSIDERATION**

Lien claimant Medland Medical (lien claimant) petitioned for reconsideration of the Findings and Orders issued by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) in this matter on December 31, 2024. In that decision, the WCJ found that applicant, while employed as a landscaper from April 17, 2021 to April 17, 2022, sustained industrial injury to his bilateral upper extremities. The WCJ also found, in relevant part, that lien claimant is not entitled to reimbursement of medical treatment and medical-legal reporting costs for services rendered prior to the denial of the claim on January 13, 2023, and that lien claimant is entitled to payment for medical treatment services rendered after the claim denial, but that the evidentiary record was inadequate to determine the value of medical treatment services rendered after the claim denial.

Lien claimant contends that it is entitled to reimbursement during the delay period pursuant to Labor Code section 5402(c) because the employer failed to provide notice of its medical provider network and failed to comply with its statutory treatment and notice obligations following receipt of notice of applicant's claimed injury. Lien claimant also contends the reporting of Omid Haghighinia, D.C., is a valid medical-legal expense because the reporting addressed the compensability of a disputed claim.

We granted reconsideration to further study the factual and legal issues presented.

Subsequently, the parties participated in a commissioners' settlement conference at our request.

On August 8, 2025, the parties filed a Stipulation Re Settlement of Lien.

As our Decision After Reconsideration, we will rescind the December 31, 2024 Findings and Orders and approve the Stipulation Re Settlement of Lien.

Finally, we commend the parties for successfully resolving this matter without the need of further litigation.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the Findings and Order issued on December 31, 2024, be **RESCINDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Stipulation Re Settlement of Lien filed on August 8, 2025, be **APPROVED**.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ ANNE SCHMITZ, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ KATHERINE WILLIAMS DODD, COMMISSIONER

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

August 21, 2025

SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.

**MEDLAND MEDICAL
ENGLAND PONTICELLO & ST. CLAIR**

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I certify that I affixed the official seal of the
Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to this
original decision on this date. *abs*