

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

LINDA DLUCO, *Applicant*

vs.

**HEALTHCARE BILLING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.;
NORGUARD INSURANCE COMPANY,
administered by GUARD INSURANCE *Defendants***

**Adjudication Number: ADJ22158882
San Luis Obispo District Office**

**OPINION AND ORDER
DISMISSING PETITION
FOR REMOVAL**

Defendant has filed a petition for removal from the order of continuance issued on June 1, 2026, by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ), which left discovery open. Defendant had requested the matter to proceed off calendar for further discovery.

Thereafter, on June 23, 2026, the WCJ ordered the matter proceed off calendar per defendant's request, and thus, defendant's petition is now moot. In the future we encourage defendant to seek withdrawal of moot petitions.

Accordingly, we will dismiss the petition for removal.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that defendant's Petition for Removal from the order of continuance issued on June 1, 2026, by the WCJ is **DISMISSED**.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ PAUL F. KELLY, COMMISSIONER

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

August 4, 2026

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

**LINDA DLUCO
SPATAFORE GRANT
YRULEGUI ROBERTS
ALBERT MACKENZIE**

EDL/mt

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