

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8

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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

**DIVERSIFIED VOCATIONAL
SERVICES, LLC,**

Respondent.

9
10
11
12

WHEREAS, Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(D) requires the Administrative Director to suspend any entity controlled by an individual who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A); and

13
14
15
16
17
18
19

WHEREAS, Respondent Diversified Vocational Services, LLC, is controlled by an individual, Melbe Zepeda, who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A). (Per Labor Code section 139.21(a)(3), an entity is controlled by an individual if: (1) the individual is or was an officer or director of the entity; (2) is or was a shareholder with a 10 percent or greater interest in the entity; or (3) held de facto ownership of the entity or de facto control consistent with the rights and duties of an officer or directory of the entity. See *Villanueva v. Teva Foods* (2019) WCAB Case No. ADJ9332041, 84 Cal. Comp. Cases 198 [significant panel decision].); and

20
21
22
23

WHEREAS, on or about June 7, 2023, the Administrative Director mailed to Diversified Vocational Services, LLC, 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

24
25
26
27
28

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 Diversified Vocational Services, LLC, that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Diversified Vocational Services, LLC, submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

1 WHEREAS, Diversified Vocational Services, LLC, did not submit a written request for
2 hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

8 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Diversified Vocational Services, LLC, is hereby
9 suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner,
10 or provider.

11
12
13 Date: July 5, 2023

/S/ George Parisotto
14 GEORGE PARISOTTO
15 Administrative Director
16 Division of Workers' Compensation
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28