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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

**EDWIN L. FUENTES,
Respondent.**

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Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) 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 convicted of any felony or misdemeanor and that crime either: (1) involves fraud or abuse of the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs, the Medi-Cal program, or the workers' compensation system, or fraud or abuse of any patient; (2) relates to the conduct of the individual's medical practice as it pertains to patient care; or (3) is a financial crime that relates to the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs, the Medi-Cal program, or the workers' compensation system.

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Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(B) 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 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.

1 On or about July 18, 2017, Respondent Edwin L. Fuentes (Fuentes) was
2 convicted in the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, of
3 crimes described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A). (United States of America v.
4 Edwin L. Fuentes, Case No. 4:17CR00009.)

5 On or about June 21, 2018, Respondent Fuentes was suspended, due to fraud
6 or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs.

7 On or about December 31, 2018, Respondent Fuentes's license, certification or
8 approval to provide health care services was revoked by the Osteopathic Medical Board
9 of California, Department of Consumer Affairs.

10 On or about September 15, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to
11 Respondent Fuentes a written notice of the right to a hearing regarding the suspension
12 and the procedure to follow to request a hearing, as provided in Labor Code section
13 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1.

14 Pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations,
15 title 8, section 9788.1(d), the written notice advised Respondent Fuentes that the
16 suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written
17 notice, unless Respondent Fuentes submitted a written request for a hearing within ten
18 (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

19 Respondent Fuentes did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10)
20 calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

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

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1 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent Edwin L. Fuentes is hereby
2 suspended from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a
3 physician, practitioner, or provider.

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5 Date: October 26, 2022

/S/ George P. Parisotto
George P. Parisotto
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation

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