

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
2 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
3 DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
4 BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

5 In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

6 RAFFIEL ARVON NORWOOD,

7 Respondent.  
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10 WHEREAS, Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) requires the Administrative Director to  
11 suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the workers' compensation system  
12 as a physician, practitioner, or provider if the individual has been convicted of any felony or  
13 misdemeanor described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A); and

14 WHEREAS, on or about January 4, 2010, Raffiel Norwood pled guilty to or was found guilty of  
15 one or more felonies or misdemeanors described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) in the United  
16 States District Court, Eastern District of California; and

17 WHEREAS, Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(B) requires the Administrative Director to  
18 suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the workers' compensation system  
19 as a physician, practitioner, or provider who has been suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal  
20 Medicare or Medicaid programs; and

21 WHEREAS, Raffiel Norwood was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare  
22 or Medicaid programs; and

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

27 WHEREAS, on or about August 26, 2016, Raffiel Norwood's license, certification or approval  
28 to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Board of Vocational Nursing and  
Psychiatric Technicians, State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

1           WHEREAS, on or about September 29, 2017, the Administrative Director mailed to Raffiel  
2 Norwood a written notice of the right to a hearing regarding the suspension and the procedure to follow  
3 to request a hearing, as provided in Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of  
4 Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1; and

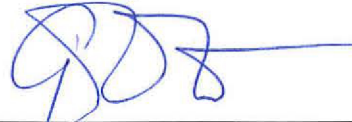
5           WHEREAS, pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations,  
6 title 8, section 9788.1(d), the written notice advised Raffiel Norwood that the suspension would start  
7 thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Raffiel Norwood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

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

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

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

18 Date: October 30, 2017



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20 GEORGE PARISOTTO  
21 Administrative Director  
22 Division of Workers' Compensation  
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