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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

**JOEL H. JOHNSTON,
Respondent.**

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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

14 WHEREAS, on or about December 30, 2022, Respondent Joel H. Johnston's
15 license, certification, or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or
16 revoked by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, Department of
17 Consumer Affairs; and

18 WHEREAS, on or about July 31, 2023, the Administrative Director mailed to Joel H.
19 Johnston a written notice of the right to a hearing regarding the suspension and the
20 procedure to follow to request a hearing, as provided in Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2)
21 and California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1; and

22 WHEREAS, pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of
23 Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1(d), the written notice advised Joel H. Johnston that the
24 suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice,
25 unless Joel H. Johnston submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar
26 days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

6 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent Joel H. Johnston is hereby suspended
7 from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or
8 provider.

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11 Date: September 12, 2023

/S/ George Parisotto
GEORGE PARISOTTO
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation