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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION
THOMAS McNEESE KELLER,
Respondent.

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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

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WHEREAS, Respondent Thomas McNeese Keller (Thomas Keller) was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs; and

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

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WHEREAS, on or about November 25, 2019, Thomas Keller's license, certification, or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the California Medical Board, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

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WHEREAS, on or about April 26, 2023, the Administrative Director mailed to Thomas Keller 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

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

6 WHEREAS, Thomas Keller did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10)
7 calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

13 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Thomas Keller is hereby suspended from participating
14 in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

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17 Date: June 6, 2023

/S/George Parisotto

18 GEORGE PARISOTTO
19 Administrative Director
20 Division of Workers' Compensation
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