

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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

MICHELLE LYNN RUTHERFORD,

Respondent.

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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

WHEREAS, on or about January 5, 2023, Respondent Michelle Lynn Rutherford's (Michelle Rutherford) license, certification, or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 6, 2025, the Administrative Director mailed to Michelle Rutherford 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

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

1 WHEREAS, Michelle Rutherford did not submit a written request for hearing within
2 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
6 mailed, unless the physician, practitioner, or provider submits a written request for a
7 hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mail of the notice;

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

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12 Date: October 15, 2025

/S/ George P. Parisotto

George P. Parisotto
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation