

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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

ELEANOR MELA SANTIAGO,

Respondent.

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

WHEREAS, on or about August 6, 2012, Eleanor Santiago pled guilty to or was found guilty of one or more felonies or misdemeanors described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) in the United States District Court, Central District of California; and

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 October 27, 2011, Eleanor Santiago's license, certification or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 22, 2017, the Administrative Director mailed to Eleanor Santiago 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 Eleanor Santiago that the suspension would start


1 thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Eleanor Santiago submitted a
2 written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

3 WHEREAS, Eleanor Santiago did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10)
4 calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

5 WHEREAS, the Administrative Director is required to suspend any physician, practitioner, or
6 provider pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21 and Title 8, California Code of Regulations section
7 9788.2, after thirty (30) days from the date the notice was mailed, unless the physician, practitioner, or
8 provider submits a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of
9 the notice;

10 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Eleanor Santiago is hereby suspended from participating in
11 the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

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13 Date: December 26, 2017

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16 **GEORGE PARISOTTO**
17 Administrative Director
18 Division of Workers' Compensation
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