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

**In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION**

**WALTER N. SIMMONS,**

**Respondent.**

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

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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

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WHEREAS, on or about July 8, 2021, Respondent Walter N. Simmons (Walter Simmons) 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, Northern District of Texas; and

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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, Walter Simmons was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs; and

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WHEREAS, on or about May 16, 2023, the Administrative Director mailed to Walter Simmons 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 Walter Simmons that the  
3 suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice,  
4 unless Walter Simmons submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days  
5 of the date of mailing of the notice; and

6           WHEREAS, Walter Simmons 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 Walter Simmons is hereby suspended from participating  
14 in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

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17 Date: July 6, 2023

17           /S/ George Parisotto  
18           GEORGE PARISOTTO  
19           Administrative Director  
20           Division of Workers' Compensation