WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GLENN MORIMOTO, Applicant

VS.

THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, Permissibly Self-Insured, Administered by ATHENS ADMINISTRATORS, *Defendants*

Adjudication Number: ADJ10343296 San Francisco District Office

OPINION AND DECISION AFTER RECONSIDERATION

Following their participation in a commissioners' settlement conference set at our request, the parties have reached a proposed settlement.

We commend the parties for their willingness to bargain in good faith and resolve this matter without the need for further litigation.

Since the District Office is precluded from acting on a case while it is pending on reconsideration (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10961), in order to permit review by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) of the proposed settlement, we will rescind the decision from which reconsideration is sought and return this matter to the trial level for the WCJ to consider the proposed settlement. If the WCJ does not approve the settlement, the WCJ may issue an order reinstating the original decision and any aggrieved person may timely seek reconsideration from the reinstated decision. This is not a final decision on the merits of any of the issues pending on reconsideration.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the WCJ's decision of December 15, 2020 is **RESCINDED** and this matter is **RETURNED** to the trial level for further proceedings and decision by the WCJ.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ MARGUERITE SWEENEY, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ CRAIG SNELLINGS, COMMISSIONER

/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

August 29, 2022

SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.

GLENN MORIMOTO KURLANDER, BURTON & MACK LAUGHLIN, FALBO, LEVY & MORESI

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I certify that I affixed the official seal of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to this original decision on this date. abs