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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

OWUSU ANANEH-FIREMPONG,

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 November 30, 2011, Owusu Ananeh-Firempong 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, Western District of Michigan, Southern Division; and

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WHEREAS, on or about September 10, 2012, Owusu Ananeh-Firempong 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

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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 September 2, 2016, Owusu Ananeh-Firempong'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

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WHEREAS, on or about November 17, 2017, the Administrative Director mailed to Owusu Ananeh-Firempong 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

1 Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1; and

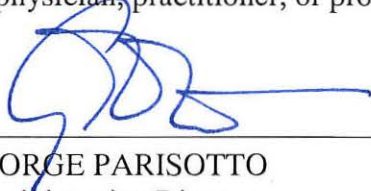
2 WHEREAS, pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations,
3 title 8, section 9788.1(d), the written notice advised Owusu Ananeh-Firempong that the suspension
4 would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Owusu Ananeh-
5 Firempong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

7 WHEREAS, Owusu Ananeh-Firempong did not submit a written request for hearing within ten
8 (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

14 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Owusu Ananeh-Firempong is hereby suspended from
15 participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

16 Date: December 18, 2017

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