

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**JUANITA RAMIREZ, *Applicant***

**vs.**

**SAINT LUCIA MEDICAL GROUP, INC.;  
PREFERRED EMPLOYERS INSURANCE COMPANY, *Defendants***

**Adjudication Number: ADJ13208658  
Salinas District Office**

**OPINION AND DECISION  
AFTER RECONSIDERATION**

It has come to the attention of the Appeals Board that, while this matter has been pending on reconsideration,<sup>1</sup> the parties have reached a proposed settlement.

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 both the September 30, 2020 Order to Provide an SJDB Voucher and Penalties and the September 30, 2020 Order to Pay PDAS and Penalties from which reconsideration was sought<sup>2</sup> 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 decisions and any aggrieved person may timely seek reconsideration from the reinstated decisions. This is not a final decision on the merits of any of the issues pending on reconsideration.

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<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Lowe, who was on the panel that issued a prior decision in this matter is unavailable to participate further in this decision. Another panel member was assigned in her place.

<sup>2</sup> Although defendant's petitions were filed as Petitions for Removal, we treated them as Petitions for Reconsideration because they were filed regarding the September 30, 2020 final orders.

For the foregoing reasons,

**IT IS ORDERED** as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the September 30, 2020 Order to Provide an SJDB Voucher and Penalties and the September 30, 2020 Order to Pay PDAS and Penalties are **RESCINDED** and this matter is **RETURNED** to the trial level for further proceedings and decision by the WCJ.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD**

**/s/ KATHERINE WILLIAMS DODD, COMMISSIONER**

I CONCUR,

**/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR**

**CRAIG SNELLINGS, COMMISSIONER**  
**PARTICIPATING NOT SIGNING**

**DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**JULY 18, 2022**

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

**JUANITA RAMIREZ  
SPRENKLE, GEORGARIOU & DILLES  
GILSON DAUB**

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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.  
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