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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION **CRISTINA M. ALVAREZ,** **Respondent.**	**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

WHEREAS, Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(C) requires the Administrative Director to suspend any physician, practitioner or provider from participating to 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 December 4, 2022, Respondent Cristina M. Alvarez's license, certification, or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 17, 2023, the Administrative Director mailed to Cristina M. Alvarez 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 Cristina M. Alvarez that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Cristina M. Alvarez submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Cristina M. Alvarez is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Date: August 29, 2023

/S/ George Parisotto
GEORGE PARISOTTO
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation