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

Respondent.

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION SAWTANTRA KUMAR CHOPRA,

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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

WHEREAS, on or about May 28, 2002, Respondent Sawtantra Kumar Chopra (Sawtantra Chopra) 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, Eastern District of California; and

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

WHEREAS, Sawtantra Chopra was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs; and

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 July 20, 2020, Sawtantra Chopra's license, certification, or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the California Medical Board, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 22, 2023, the Administrative Director mailed to Sawtantra Chopra 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 Sawtantra Chopra that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Sawtantra Chopra submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

WHEREAS, Sawtantra Chopra did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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 Sawtantra Chopra is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Date: April 25, 2023 /S/ George Parisotto

GEORGE PARISOTTO Administrative Director Division of Workers' Compensation

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