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

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

JOHN COUCH,  
Respondent.

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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 worker's 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 April 7, 2017, John Couch'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 April 20, 2018, the Administrative Director mailed to John Couch a written notice of 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

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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 John Couch that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless John Couch 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, John Couch did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

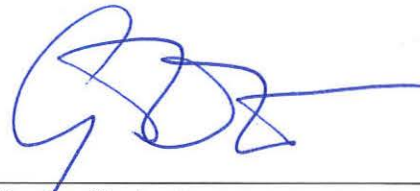
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WHEREAS, the Administrative Director is required to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21 and Title 8, California Code of Regulations section 9788.2, after thirty (30) days from the date of notice was 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;

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**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** John Couch is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Dated: May 25, 2018



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George Parisotto  
Administrative Director  
Division of Workers' Compensation

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL**  
(C.C.P. section 1013(a), 2015.5)

I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the entitled action. My business address is 1515 Clay Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, California 94612.

I served the following document: **ORDER OF SUSPENSION** on the following person(s) at the following address(es):

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**John Patrick Couch**  
**2001 Springhill Avenue**  
**Mobile, AL 36607**

**John Patrick Couch**  
**319 Woodbridge Drive**  
**Daphne, AL 36526**

**John Patrick Couch**  
**4682 Airport Boulevard**  
**Mobile, AL 36608**

**By Hand Delivery:**

**Paige Levy, Chief Judge**  
**WCAB**  
**1515 Clay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Oakland, CA 94612**

**Mi Kim, Esq., DIR/ODL**  
**c/o Regina Schneider**  
**1515 Clay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Oakland, CA 94612**

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of State of California that the above is true and correct. Executed on May 25, 2018, at Oakland, California.

  
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CATHY FUJITA-LAM