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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

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ROBERT BRANT FENTON,

Respondent.

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION** 

Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) requires the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation (Administrative Director) to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider if the individual or entity has been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor and that crime either: (1) involves fraud or abuse of the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs, the Medi-Cal program, or the workers' compensation system, or fraud or abuse of any patient; (2) relates to the conduct of the individual's medical practice as it pertains to patient care; or (3) is a financial crime that relates to the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs, the Medi-Cal program, or the workers' compensation system.

Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(B) requires the Administrative Director to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider if the individual or entity has been suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs or the Medi-Cal program.

Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(C) requires the Administrative Director to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider whose license, certification or approval to provide health care services has been surrendered or revoked.

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On or about October 31, 2018, Respondent Robert Brant Fenton (Fenton) was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, of crimes described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A). (People v. Fenton, Case No. 17CF0798.)

Respondent Fenton was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs.

On or about February 16, 2021, Respondent Fenton's license, certification or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs.

On or about May 31, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to Respondent Fenton 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.

Pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1(d), the written notice advised Respondent Fenton that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Respondent Fenton submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

Respondent Fenton did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

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 Robert Brant Fenton is hereby suspended from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider. Date: August 18, 2022 /S/ George P. Parisotto George P. Parisotto Administrative Director Division of Workers' Compensation