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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION **GEORGE DEMETRIUS KARALIS,**

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Respondent.

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 August 11, 2021, Respondent George Demetrius Karalis (George Karalis) 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, Northern 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, George Karalis 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

WHEREAS, on or about March 10, 2022, George Karalis's license, certification or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the California Medical Board, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

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WHEREAS, on or about December 22, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to George Karalis 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 George Karalis that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless George Karalis submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

WHEREAS, George Karalis 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 title 8, California Code of Regulations 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 George Karalis is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Date: February 23, 2023

/S/ George Parisotto

George Parisotto Administrative Director Division of Workers' Compensation