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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

CHRISTOPHER J. MESTUZZI,

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 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 December 15, 2022, Respondent Christopher J. Mestuzzi's (Christopher Mestuzzi) license, certification, or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 18, 2024, the Administrative Director mailed to Christopher Mestuzzi 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 Christopher Mestuzzi that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Christopher Mestuzzi submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Mestuzzi 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 mail of the notice;

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

Date: August 7, 2024

/S/ George Parisotto
George P. Parisotto
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation