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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

LINDA BLAKE MORROW,

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Respondent.

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.

On or about December 14, 2021, Respondent Linda Blake Morrow (Morrow) was convicted in the United States District Court, Central District of California, of a crime described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A). (USA v. Morrow, Case Nos. SACR15-00099 (A)-JLS-3 and SACR18-00198-JLS-1.)

On or about June 21, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to Respondent Morrow 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 Morrow that the

suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written
notice, unless Respondent Morrow submitted a written request for a hearing within ten
(10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

Respondent Morrow 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 Linda Blake Morrow is hereby suspended from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Date: August 12, 2022

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