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

# In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION BONIFACE OKWUDILI ONUBAH,

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# ORDER AMENDING ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Respondent.

On February 17, 2017, the Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers'
 Compensation issued an Order of Suspension (Order) under Labor Code section 139.21 that suspended
 Respondent Boniface Okwudili Onubah from participating in the California workers' compensation
 system as a physician, practitioner, or provider. The Order was based on: (1) Respondent's suspension,
 due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs; and (2) the revocation of
 Respondent's license to provide health care services by the State Medical Board of California.

A review of the record does not indicate that Respondent was suspended from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs due to fraud or abuse. As such, the February 17, 2017 Order is hereby amended by striking and deleting from the Order the following two paragraphs:

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, Boniface Okwudili Onubah was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs; and....

In all other respects the February 17, 2017 Order remains in full force and effect and is unchanged.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: May 31, 2017

GEORGE PARISOTTO Acting Administrative Director Division of Workers' Compensation

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### ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Respondent.

BONIFACE OKWUDILI ONUBAH,

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, Boniface Okwudili Onubah 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 October 17, 2014, Boniface Okwudili Onubah's license, certification or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the State Medical Board of California; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 17, 2017, the Administrative Director mailed to Boniface Okwudili Onubah 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 Boniface Okwudili Onubah that the suspension

27 28 would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Boniface

Okwudili Onubah submitted a written request for a hearing, within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

WHEREAS, Boniface Okwudili Onubah 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 Boniface Okwudili Onubah is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Date: February 17, 2017

GEORGE PARISOTTO Acting Administrative Director Division of Workers' Compensation