In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

ROBERT JAY ROWEN,

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Respondent.

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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

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, on or about January 26, 2022, Respondent Robert Jay Rowen (Robert Rowen) 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)(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 7, 2022, Robert Rowen's license, certification, or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs]; and

27 WHEREAS, on or about March 21, 2024, the Administrative Director mailed to 28 Robert Rowen a written notice of the right to a hearing regarding the suspension and the

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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 Robert Rowen that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Robert Rowen submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

Date: May 6, 2024

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