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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

MARLA RICKETTS,

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 January 5, 2017, Marla Ricketts 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, Eastern District of Louisiana; 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, Marla Ricketts was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 20, 2018, the Administrative Director mailed to Marla Ricketts 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 Marla Ricketts that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Marla Ricketts submitted

1 a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

2 WHEREAS, Marla Ricketts did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10) calendar  
3 days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

4 WHEREAS, the Administrative Director is required to suspend any physician, practitioner, or  
5 provider pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21 and Title 8, California Code of Regulations section  
6 9788.2, after thirty (30) days from the date the notice was mailed, unless the physician, practitioner, or  
7 provider submits a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of  
8 the notice;

9 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Marla Ricketts is hereby suspended from participating in the  
10 workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

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12 Date: September 14, 2018



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13 GEORGE PARISOTTO  
14 Administrative Director  
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