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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

AARONAE RIANA SMITH,

Respondent.

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION** 

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 December 14, 2015, Respondent Aaronae Riana Smith 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)(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, Aaronae Riana Smith 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 January 11, 2017, Aaronae Riana Smith's license, certification or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the California

Pharmacy Board, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 1, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to Aaronae Riana Smith 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 Aaronae Riana Smith that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Aaronae Riana Smith submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

WHEREAS, Aaronae Riana Smith 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 Respondent Aaronae Riana Smith is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

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Date: January 31, 2023

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/S/ George Parisotto

GEORGE PARISOTTO Administrative Director Division of Workers' Compensation