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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**

**MICHAEL STEVEN SINEL,  
Respondent.**

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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.

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On or about May 13, 2021, Respondent Michael Steven Sinel (Sinel) 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. Jensen et al., Case No. CR-16-00412-FMO-3.)

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On or about June 21, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to Respondent Sinel 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.

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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 Sinel that the

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

4 Respondent Sinel did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10)  
5 calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

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

11 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent Michael Steven Sinel is hereby  
12 suspended from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a  
13 physician, practitioner, or provider.

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15 Date: August 12, 2022

15 /S/ George P. Parisotto  
16 George P. Parisotto  
17 Administrative Director  
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