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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

HENRY GEOFFREY WATSON,

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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 November 1, 2023, Respondent Henry Geoffrey Watson 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 for the Northern District of California; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 20, 2023, the Administrative Director mailed to Henry Geoffrey Watson 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 Henry Geoffrey Watson that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Henry Geoffrey Watson submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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1	WHEREAS, Henry Geoffrey Watson did not submit a written request for hearing
2	within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and
3	WHEREAS, the Administrative Director is required to suspend any physician,
4	practitioner, or provider pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21 and California Code of
5	Regulations, title 8, section 9788.2, after thirty (30) days from the date the notice was
6	mailed, unless the physician, practitioner, or provider submits a written request for a
7	hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mail of the notice;
8	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Henry Geoffrey Watson is hereby
9	suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician,
10	practitioner, or provider.
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13	Date: February 29, 2024 <u>/S/ George Parisotto</u> George Parisotto
14	Administrative Director
15	Division of Workers' Compensation
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