

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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION
WESTSIDE ORTHOPEDIC GROUP, INC.,

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Respondent.

WHEREAS, Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(D) requires the Administrative Director to suspend any entity controlled by and individual who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A); and

WHEREAS, Respondent Westside Orthopedic Group, Inc., is controlled by an individual, Schlomo Schmuel, who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor described in Labor Code section 139.219(a)(1)(A). (Per Labor Code section 139.21(a)(3), an entity is controlled by an individual if: (1) the individual is or was an officer or director of the entity; (2) is or was a shareholder with a 10 percent or greater interest in the entity; or (3) held de facto ownership of the entity or de facto control consistent with the rights and duties of an officer or directory of the entity. See Villanueva v. Teva Foods (2019) WCAB Case No. ADJ9332041, 84 Cal. Comp. Cases 198 [significant panel decision].); and

WHEREAS, on or about September 19, 2023, the Administrative Director mailed to Westside Orthopedic Group, Inc., 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 Westside Orthopedic Group, Inc., that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of

mailing of written notice, unless Westside Orthopedic Group, Inc., submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

WHEREAS, Westside Orthopedic Group, Inc., did not submit a written request for hearing with in 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 mailing of the notice;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Westside Orthopedic Group, Inc., is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Date: January 18, 2024 /S/ George Parisotto

George P. Parisotto Administrative Director Division of Workers' Compensation