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

## In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION PAUL STEVEN WOODWARD,

## ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Respondent.

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, Respondent Paul Steven Woodward (Paul Woodward) 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 July 10, 2006, Paul Woodward's license, certification or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the California Psychology Board, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 22, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to Paul Woodward 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 Paul Woodward that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Paul Woodward submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days

of the date of mailing of the notice; and

WHEREAS, Paul Woodward 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 Paul Woodward is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Date: February 23, 2023

<u>/S/ George Parisotto</u> George Parisotto Administrative Director Division of Workers' Compensation