

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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

**ADVANCED ORTHOPEDIC MEDICAL
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 Advanced Orthopedic Medical Group, Inc., is controlled by an individual, Christopher Armstrong, 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 March 5, 2026, the Administrative Director mailed to Advanced Orthopedic Medical 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 Advanced Orthopedic

1 Medical Group, Inc., that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date
2 of mailing of written notice, unless Advanced Orthopedic Medical Group, Inc., submitted a
3 written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the
4 notice; and

5 WHEREAS, Advanced Orthopedic Medical Group, Inc., did not submit a written
6 request for hearing with in ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

12 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Advanced Orthopedic Medical Group, Inc., is hereby
13 suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician,
14 practitioner, or provider.

15 Date: September 25, 2026

/S/ Nicole L. Richardson
Nicole L. Richardson
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation