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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION PABLO GARZA CORTINA,

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Respondent.

Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(B) 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 suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs or the Medi-Cal program.

Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(C) requires the Administrative Director to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider whose license, certification or approval to provide health care services has been surrendered or revoked.

On or about July 18, 2016, Respondent Pablo Garza Cortina's (Cortina) license, certification or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs.

Respondent Cortina was suspended, due to fraud or abuse, from the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs.

On or about August 12, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to Respondent Cortina 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. 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 Cortina that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Respondent Cortina submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

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

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 Pablo Garza Cortina is hereby suspended from participating in the California workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Date: September 21, 2022

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