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

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

JOHN COUCH,
Respondent.

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

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WHEREAS, on or about April 7, 2017, John Couch's license, certification or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

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WHEREAS, on or about April 20, 2018, the Administrative Director mailed to John Couch a written notice of 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

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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 John Couch that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless John Couch 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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WHEREAS, John Couch did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

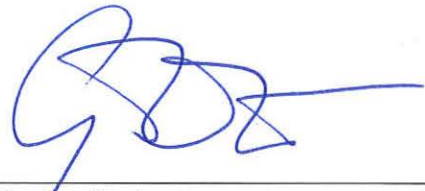
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WHEREAS, the Administrative Director is required to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21 and Title 8, California Code of Regulations section 9788.2, after thirty (30) days from the date of notice was 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;

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED John Couch is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Dated: May 25, 2018



George Parisotto
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL
(C.C.P. section 1013(a), 2015.5)

I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the entitled action. My business address is 1515 Clay Street, 18th Floor, Oakland, California 94612.

I served the following document: **ORDER OF SUSPENSION** on the following person(s) at the following address(es):

By Certified Mail:

John Patrick Couch
2001 Springhill Avenue
Mobile, AL 36607

John Patrick Couch
319 Woodbridge Drive
Daphne, AL 36526

John Patrick Couch
4682 Airport Boulevard
Mobile, AL 36608

By Hand Delivery:

Paige Levy, Chief Judge
WCAB
1515 Clay Street, 17th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

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c/o Regina Schneider
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Placed the envelope or package for collection and mailing, following our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with the firm's practice for collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice, on the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the U.S. Postal Service, in a sealed envelope or package with the postage fully prepaid.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of State of California that the above is true and correct. Executed on May 25, 2018, at Oakland, California.



CATHY FUJITA-LAM