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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

BENICE C. EJIOGU,

## **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

Respondent.

WHEREAS, Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(C) requires the Administrative Director to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating to 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 February 10, 2023, Respondent Benice C. Ejiogu's license, certification, or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 21, 2023, the Administrative Director mailed to Benice C. Ejiogu 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 Benice C. Ejiogu that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Benice C. Ejiogu submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

Date: January 10, 2024 /S/ George Parisotto

GEORGE PARISOTTO
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation