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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

**PAUL MICHAEL HOOVER,
Respondent.**

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Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) requires the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider if the individual or entity has been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor and that crime either: (1) involves fraud or abuse of the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs, the Medi-Cal program, or the workers' compensation system, or fraud or abuse of any patient; (2) relates to the conduct of the individual's medical practice as it pertains to patient care; or (3) is a financial crime that relates to the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs, the Medi-Cal program, or the workers' compensation system.

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Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(B) requires the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the 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.

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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.

1 On or about October 21, 2019, Respondent Paul Michael Hoover (Hoover) was
2 convicted in the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, of a
3 crime described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A). (U.S.A. v. Hoover et al., Case
4 No. 18-188.)

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

7 On or about March 21, 2019, Respondent Hoover's license, certification or
8 approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Medical
9 Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs.

10 On or about May 6, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to Respondent
11 Hoover a written notice of the right to a hearing regarding the suspension and the
12 procedure to follow to request a hearing, as provided in Labor Code section
13 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9788.1.

14 Pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21(b)(2) and California Code of Regulations,
15 title 8, section 9788.1(d), the written notice advised Respondent Hoover that the
16 suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written
17 notice, unless Respondent Hoover submitted a written request for a hearing within ten
18 (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice.

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

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

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1 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent Paul Michael Hoover is hereby
2 suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician,
3 practitioner, or provider.

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5 Date: June 9, 2022

/S/ George P. Parisotto

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7 George P. Parisotto
8 Administrative Director
9 Division of Workers' Compensation
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