

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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

DAVID ARI LAPIDES,

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Respondent.

WHEREAS, Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) requires the Administrative Director to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider if the individual has been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A); and

WHEREAS, on or about January 18, 2022, Respondent David Ari Lapides (David Lapides) pled guilty to or was found guilty of one or more felonies or misdemeanors described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A) in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Circuit Court of Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 15, 2022, David Lapides' license, certification, or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Virginia Board of Medicine, Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health Professionals; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 15, 2023, the Administrative Director mailed to David Lapides 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

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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 David Lapides that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written not unless David Lapides submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

Date: May 10, 2023 /S/ George Parisotto

GEORGE PARISOTTO Administrative Director Division of Workers' Compensation