

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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

HAZEL G. ORTEGA,

Respondent.

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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 July 31, 2026, Respondent Hazel Ortega 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 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 19, 2026, the Administrative Director mailed to Hazel Ortega 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 Hazel Ortega that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Hazel Ortega submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

1 WHEREAS, Hazel Ortega did not submit a written request for hearing within ten (10)
2 calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

3 WHEREAS, the Administrative Director is required to suspend any physician,
4 practitioner, or provider pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21 and California Code of
5 Regulations, title 8, section 9788.2, after thirty (30) days from the date the notice was
6 mailed, unless the physician, practitioner, or provider submits a written request for a
7 hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mail of the notice;

8 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent Hazel Ortega is hereby suspended from
9 participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

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11 Date: October 5, 2026

/S/ Nicole L. Richardson
Nicole L. Richardson
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation