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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

DOMENIC SIGNORELLI, M.D.,

Case No. AD PS-18-07

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DETERMINATION AND ORDER **RE: SUSPENSION**

The Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation is required 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 meets any of the express criteria set forth in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1).

Respondent.

A hearing was held in the above-captioned matter on November 6, 2018, and the matter was submitted for decision. The designated Hearing Officer issued a recommended Determination and Order that was received by the Administrative Director on April 30, 2019.

Based upon a review of the record in this case, including the recommended Determination and Order re: Suspension of the designated Hearing Officer, the Administrative Director finds that Respondent Domenic Signorelli, M.D., meets the criteria for suspension set forth in Labor Code section 139.21(a) and shall be suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9788.3(d), the Administrative Director hereby adopts and incorporates the November 13, 2018 recommended Determination and Order re: Suspension of the designated Hearing Officer, attached hereto, as the Administrative Director's Determination and Order re: Suspension.

Determination and Order re: Suspension

1	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Domenic Signorelli, M.D., is hereby suspended
2	participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.
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4	Date: May 3, 2019
5	GEORGE PARISOTTO Administrative Director.
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DOMENIC SIGNORELLI, M.D., Respondent.

Respondent was served with a Notice of Suspension, dated August 10, 2018 (AD Exhibit 5), indicating his right to practice medicine in the California Workers' Compensation system would be suspended pursuant to Labor Code §139.21(a)(1) for conviction of a crime enumerated under Labor Code §139.21(a)(1)(A). Respondent requested a hearing, and it was set for September 14, 2018 (AD Exhibit 6). Respondent requested a continuance, due to a calendar conflict. The AD's office agreed, and the Court granted a continuance. The matter was continued to November 6, 2018 (proof of service on file with the Court, as ordered).

A hearing was held in the above-captioned matter on November 6, 2018, pursuant to Labor Code §139.21(b) (2). The doctor had adequate notice of the issues presented and adequate service of the Administrative Director's (AD) exhibits; therefore, there is no violation of his due process rights as they pertain to this hearing.

Respondent failed to appear at the hearing. Respondent contacted the Court's secretary at approximately 6:30 a.m. and left a voice mail message regarding his physical inability to attend. The Court has received no documentation regarding his medical condition. The voice mail message requested a six-month continuance. Requests for extensive continuances, without good cause, shall be denied.

The AD objected to any further continuances. The Court denied respondent's request, and the matter proceeded.

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Labor Code §139.21(a)(1):

The administrative director shall promptly suspend, pursuant to subdivision (b), any physician, practitioner, or provider from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider if the individual or entity meets any of the following criteria:

- (A) The individual or entity has been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor and that crime comes within any of the following descriptions:
- (i) It 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.
- (ii) It relates to the conduct of the individual's medical practice as it pertains to patient care.
- (iii) It is a financial crime that relates to the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs, the Medi-Cal program, or the workers' compensation system.
- (iv) It is otherwise substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a provider of services.

Respondent, Domenic Signorelli, M.D., entered into a Plea Agreement (AD Exhibit 2), indicating a guilty plea to a single count of Conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371. The underlying details of the conspiracy charge indicate respondent participated in Honest Services Mail and Wire Fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1341, 1343 and 1346, each an object of the conspiracy charged in the indictment, having the following elements: (1) defendant devised or participated in a scheme or plan to deprive a patient of his or her right to honest services; (2) the scheme or plan included payments of kickbacks and bribes to medical professionals in exchange for medical services or items; (3) the medical professionals owed a fiduciary duty to the patients; (4) the defendant acted with the intent to defraud by depriving the patients of their right of honest services of the medical professionals; (5) the defendant's act was material, that is, it had a natural tendency to influence, or was capable of influencing, a patient's acts; and (6) the defendant used, or caused someone to use, the mails and a wire communication to carry out or attempt to carry out the scheme or plan. (See AD Exhibit 2, page 11.)

Therefore, based on the above, this hearing officer makes her determination that Domenic Signorelli, M.D., violated Labor Code §139.21(a)(1)(A)(iv) and Domenic Signorelli, M.D., be suspended from participation in the workers' compensation system.

IT IS SO ORDERED that Domenic Signorelli, M.D., is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

DATE: November 13, 2018

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BOLYNDA SCHULTZ WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE

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