

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8

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

In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

INEZ TAPIA,

Respondent.

9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17

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.

18
19
20
21
22

Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(C) 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 whose license, certification or approval to provide health care services has been surrendered or revoked.

23
24
25

On or about November 14, 2016, Respondent Inez Tapia (Tapia) was convicted in the United States District Court, Central District of California (Case No. CR15-00413-RGK), of a crime described in Labor Code section 139.21(a)(1)(A).

26
27
28

On or about June 5, 2019, Respondent Tapia's license, certification or approval to provide health care services was surrendered or revoked by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, Department of Consumer Affairs.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

On or about February 15, 2022, the Administrative Director mailed to Respondent Tapia 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.

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

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

The Administrative Director is required to suspend any physician, practitioner, or provider pursuant to Labor Code section 139.21 and Title 8, California Code of Regulations 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 Inez Tapia is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Date: April 18, 2022

/S/ George Parisotto

George P. Parisotto
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation