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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

FERNANDO VALDES,

Respondent.

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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

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WHEREAS, on or about July 31, 2017, Fernando Valdes 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 United States District Court, Southern District of California; and

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WHEREAS, on or about May 18, 2018, the Administrative Director mailed to Fernando Valdes 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 Fernando Valdes that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Fernando Valdes submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

WHEREAS, Fernando Valdes 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 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

1 provider submits a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of
2 the notice;

3 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Fernando Valdes is hereby suspended from participating in
4 the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

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6 Date: June 26, 2018



7 GEORGE PARISOTTO
8 Administrative Director
9 Division of Workers' Compensation