In Re: PROVIDER SUSPENSION MELBE ZEPEDA. Respondent.

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

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 September 26, 2022, Respondent Melbe Zepeda 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 California Superior Court, County of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 24, 2023, the Administrative Director mailed to Melbe Zepeda 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 Melbe Zepeda that the suspension would start thirty (30) calendar days after the date of mailing of written notice, unless Melbe Zepeda submitted a written request for a hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of mailing of the notice; and

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

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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 Melbe Zepeda is hereby suspended from participating in the workers' compensation system as a physician, practitioner, or provider.

Date: July 5, 2023

/S/ George Parisotto

GEORGE PARISOTTO
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation