

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**PATRICK FERNANDEZ, *Applicant***

**vs.**

**CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS; legally uninsured, administered by STATE  
COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND, *Defendants***

**Adjudication Number: ADJ767111  
Los Angeles District Office**

**OPINION AND DECISION  
AFTER RECONSIDERATION**

Lien claimant Reliable Medical Supply seeks reconsideration of the June 26, 2025 Findings and Order issued by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ). Therein, the WCJ found that applicant sustained injury arising out of and in the course of employment (AOE/COE) to his chest, back, and leg, while employed as a laborer on February 17, 2002. The WCJ further found that lien claimant failed to meet its burden to prove that the medical treatment services provided were reasonably required to cure or relieve applicant from the effects of the industrial injury.

Based on these findings, the WCJ disallowed Reliable Medical Supply's lien. Defendant did not file an answer.

The WCJ prepared a Report and Recommendation on Petition for Reconsideration (Report), recommending that the Petition be denied.

Thereafter, we issued an order granting the petition, pending further review of the entire record.

Subsequently, the parties agreed to participate in our voluntary mediation program to discuss the issues raised.

On May 14, 2026, the parties advised that a proposed settlement by Stipulation to Pay Lien Claimant had been reached and requested return of the matter to the trial level for review of the proposed settlement.

In order to expedite review and approval of the parties' settlement agreement, we will

rescind June 26, 2025 Findings and Order, and return this matter to the WCJ to consider the Stipulation to Pay Lein Claimant of the parties. The WCJ may conduct such further proceedings as is deemed appropriate.

Our decision should not be construed as a ruling on the merits of the petition for reconsideration. If the WCJ does not approve the settlement, the WCJ can issue an order reinstating their original decision and any aggrieved person may timely seek reconsideration of the reinstated decision.

Finally, we commend the parties for successfully resolving this matter by joint agreement, without the need for further action by the Appeals Board.

For the foregoing reasons,

**IT IS ORDERED** as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the WCJ's decision of June 26, 2025, is **RESCINDED** and this matter be **RETURNED** to the workers' compensation administrative law judge to consider the Compromise and Release and for such further proceedings as is deemed appropriate.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD**

**/s/ CRAIG L. SNELLINGS, COMMISSIONER**

**I CONCUR,**

**/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER**

**LISA A. SUSSMAN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER**  
**CONCURRING NOT SIGNING**



**DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**MAY 26, 2026**

**SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.**

**RELIABLE MEDICAL SUPPLY  
STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND**

**VC/bp**

I certify that I affixed the official seal of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to this original decision on this date.  
BP