

## BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

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FALEH ALASHQAR,

Claimant,

vs.

AMN HEALTHCARE, INC.,

Employer,

and

SENTINEL INSURANCE COMPANY,

Insurance Carrier,  
Defendants.

File No. 21002934.02

ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE

CONSENT ORDER

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Claimant Faleh Alashqar filed an application for alternate medical care, requesting authorization for treatment and medical procedures recommended by treating physician Erik Bendiks, M.D. A hearing was scheduled for July 13, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Claimant appeared with his attorney, Theodore Karpuk. Attorney Stephen Murray appeared on behalf of Defendants AMN Healthcare, Inc. and Sentinel Insurance Company.

Before alternate medical care can be ordered, compensability of the medical condition to be treated must be established, either by admission of liability or by adjudication. The summary procedure of Iowa Code section 85.27, as more particularly described in rule 876 IAC 4.48(7), is not available to adjudicate liability or causal connection disputes. At the beginning of the hearing, Defendants agreed to authorize the care requested by Claimant and the parties agreed to the entry of a consent order.

**ORDER**

Defendants shall authorize lumbar spine injections, cervical spine surgery at C3-4 and C5-6, medications, and physical therapy recommended by Dr. Bendiks, the treating physician.

Signed and filed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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HEATHER L. PALMER  
DEPUTY WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served as follows:

Theodore Karpuk (via WCES)

Stephen Murray (via WCES)