

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

THOMAS MITCHELL,

Claimant,

vs.

UNITED TECHNOLOGIES d/b/a
LEAR CORPORATION EEDS AND
INTERIORS, INC.,

Employer.

and

PACIFIC EMPLOYERS
INSURANCE CO.,

Insurance Carrier,
Defendants.

File No. 1058177

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Claimant Thomas Mitchell appeals from an arbitration decision filed March 31, 2014. The case was heard on January 8, 2014, and it was considered fully submitted on January 22, 2014, in front of the deputy workers' compensation commissioner. The deputy commissioner denied claimant's request for an award for medical treatment received by Claimant from March 17, 2009, through the date of the hearing totaling \$12,057.98. Claimant asserts on appeal that the deputy commissioner erred in finding there was no causal connection between claimant's injury which occurred on January 20, 1994, and the claimed medical expenses. Defendants assert on appeal that the findings of the deputy commissioner should be affirmed. The detailed arguments of the parties have been considered and the record of evidence has been reviewed de novo.

Pursuant to Iowa Code sections 86.24 and 17A.5, I affirm and adopt as the final agency decision those portions of the proposed arbitration decision filed on March 31, 2014, that relate to issues properly raised on intra-agency appeal without additional comment.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the arbitration decision of March 31, 2014, is AFFIRMED.

Claimant shall pay the costs of the appeal, including the preparation of the hearing transcript.

Signed and filed this 20th day of March, 2015.



JOSEPH S. CORTESE II
IOWA WORKERS'
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

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