

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

MICHAEL STROUD,

Claimant,

vs.

CITY OF DES MOINES,

Employer,
Self-Insured,
Defendant.

File No. 5053812

ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE
DECISION CONSENT ORDER

Head Note No. 2701

Claimant filed a petition seeking alternate medical care. A telephonic hearing for this petition was scheduled for December 5, 2016. At hearing the parties indicated they had reached an agreement regarding the petition and the matter was resolved. Claimant requested a consent order be issued regarding the agreement and defendants did not object to a consent order.

The medical care dispute arose over care given to claimant concerning an injury occurring on August 19, 2014. Defendants accepted liability for an August 2014 work injury to claimant's back.

In a November 22, 2016 letter, Richard Holt, D.O. recommended claimant undergo a diagnostic nerve block of the L2-L5 lumbar medial branches bilaterally. (Defendant's Exhibit A) Dr. Holt specializes in pain management and is authorized to treat claimant. Dr. Holt indicates that if the blocks are successful, he then recommends claimant undergo radiofrequency ablation of the medial branches at the L2 through L5 levels for long-term treatment of claimant's chronic back pain. Claimant requests the care recommended by Dr. Holt.

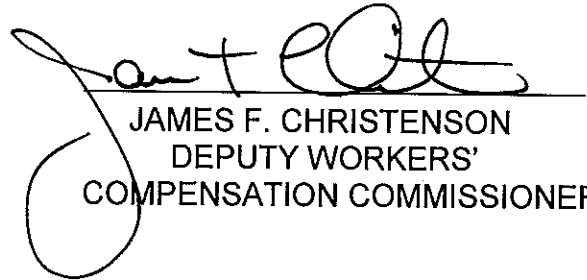
After discussion between the parties and an agreement to provide the requested care, there is no justiciable issue for hearing and determination.

This consent order is not intended to reflect findings of fact or conclusions of law relative to this claim. Rather, it is intended to document and enter an order that is consistent with both parties' positions and acceptable to both parties.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

That based on the agreement of the parties, defendants shall authorize and pay for the care recommended by Dr. Holt in the November 22, 2016 letter, and shall timely schedule an appointment within ten (10) days of the date of this order.

Signed and filed this 5th day of December, 2016.



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