BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

CASSAUNDRA MERTA,	File No. 23700946.03
Claimant,	
VS.	· · ·
BRUGGEMAN LUMBAR, INC.,	CONSENT ORDER RE: ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE
Employer,	
and	· · ·
HASTINGS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,	· · ·
Insurance Carrier, Defendants.	

Claimant filed an Original Notice and Petition for Alternate Medical Care with this agency on December 11, 2023.

Based on an agreement between the parties, and a proposed consent order, defendants agree to authorize treatment with Nicholas Lynn, PA, as recommend by authorized treating physician Peter Chimenti, M.D. Defendants also agree to authorize and pay for claimant's transportation regarding the treatment.

To avoid an unnecessary hearing, and yet protect the interests of their clients, the parties agree to entry of a consent order, requiring defendants to authorize treatment as described above.

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. A formal alternate medical care hearing was not conducted, as all parties consented to entry of this order and waived the formal hearing.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

Pursuant to the agreement of the parties, defendants agree to authorize treatment with Nicholas Lynn, PA, as recommend by authorized treating physician Peter Chimenti, M.D. Defendants also agree to authorize and pay for claimant's transportation regarding the treatment.

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Claimant retains the right to file another petition for alternate medical care regarding this matter if necessary.

Signed and filed this <u>22nd</u> day of December, 2023.

JAMES F. CHRISTENSON DEPUTY WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served, as follows:

MaKayla Augustine (via WCES)

Caitlin Kilburg (via WCES)