

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

MEGAN PICKENS,

Claimant,

VS.

HEALTHTRONICS,

Employer,

and

THE PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY,:

Insurance Carrier,
Defendants.

File No. 21014026.02

ALTERNATE MEDICAL

CARE CONSENT ORDER

Head Note No.: 2701

On July 19, 2022, claimant filed an application for alternate medical care under Iowa Code section 85.27 and rule 876 IAC 4.48. A hearing was scheduled for August 1, 2022. All parties were given proper notice.

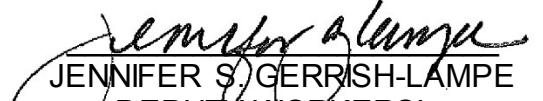
Counsel for both parties submitted the case without testimony. After some discussion, the parties came to an agreement. The agreement is as follows:

For the complaints of incontinence and/or bladder control issues as well as tension headaches, the claimant will be referred back to Dr. Smith and Dr. Klein along with any other doctors she has previously seen or that defendants have made contact with in connection with her accepted work injuries. Defendants' counsel and/or insurer will specifically authorize these physicians and medical providers to treat both the issues of incontinence and/or lack of bladder control along with the tension headaches.

Defendants have denied responsibility for the blood pressure complaints. Claimant is allowed to pursue care for the blood pressure complaints on her own and the defendants shall be barred for any future lack of authorization defense should claimant attempt to obtain reimbursement for medical costs and expenses related to high blood pressure.

Pursuant to a standing order of delegation of authority by the workers' compensation commissioner pursuant to Iowa Code section 86.3, the undersigned enters this decision for the workers' compensation commissioner. There is no right of appeal of this decision to the workers' compensation commissioner. Appeal of this decision, if any, would be by judicial review pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.19

Signed and filed this 1st day of August, 2022.


JENNIFER S. GERRISH-LAMPE
DEPUTY WORKERS'
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served, as follows:

Nate Willems (via WCES)

Julie Burger (via WCES)