

## BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

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RUBEN GARCIA,

Claimant,

vs.

KRAFT HEINZ CO.,

Employer,

and

INDEMNITY INS. CO. OF N. A.,

Insurance Carrier,  
Defendants.

File No. 22002039.02

ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE

CONSENT ORDER

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This is a contested case concerning alternate medical care, proceeding under Iowa Code chapters 85 and 17A. Claimant, Ruben Garcia, invokes the expedited procedure of rule 876 Iowa Administrative Code 4.48. Prior to proceeding with the hearing scheduled for the alternate medical care claim on April 19, 2023, the parties filed a joint proposed consent order regarding the alternate medical care petition.

The defendants consent and agree to authorize an evaluation for the claimant's back with Dr. Howard at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. The parties agree that the appointment will be scheduled for a date as soon as possible, but no later than May 15, 2023. If an appointment cannot be secured with Dr. Howard before May 15, 2023, the defendants agreed to promptly schedule the claimant to visit another orthopedic surgeon or neurosurgeon in the Quad Cities or Iowa City area.

The parties proposed that the undersigned issue this consent order in lieu of a formal decision. All parties consented to the entry of a consent order on April 19, 2023; thus no alternate medical care decision will be issued.

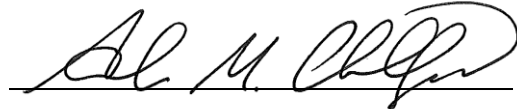
## ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- The parties have agreed that the defendants will authorize an evaluation for the claimant's back with Dr. Howard at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

- The appointment will be scheduled for a date as soon as possible, but no later than May 15, 2023.
- If no appointment can be scheduled with Dr. Howard before May 15, 2023, the defendants agree to promptly schedule the claimant to visit another orthopedic surgeon or neurosurgeon in the Quad Cities or Iowa City area.

Signed and filed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al M. Phillips", written over a horizontal line.

ANDREW M. PHILLIPS  
DEPUTY WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served, as follows:

Andrew Bribriesco (via WCES)

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