

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

STACEY STEEPLETON,

Claimant,

vs.

UNITYPOINT HEALTH – ST. LUKE'S
HOSPITAL,Employer,
Self-Insured,
Defendants.

File No. 20004425.07

ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE

CONSENT ORDER

Head Note No.: 2701

On October 20, 2022, claimant filed an application for alternate medical care under Iowa Code section 85.27 and rule 876 IAC 4.48. A hearing took place on November 1, 2022. All parties were given proper notice. Claimant appeared telephonically and through her attorney, Andy Giller. Defendant appeared through attorney Terri Davis. Also present on behalf of defendant were Jennifer Ruiz and Andrea Padron. The proceeding was digitally recorded. That recording constitutes the official record of this proceeding.

Claimant provided sworn testimony. The record also includes claimant's exhibits 1 through 3, consisting of 8 pages, and defendant's exhibits A through C, consisting of 10 pages. Additionally, both attorneys presented arguments regarding their clients' positions.

Claimant requested that defendant be ordered to authorize ongoing treatment with Stanley Mathew, M.D. Defendant filed an answer on October 31, 2022, admitting liability for the date of injury. Following testimony and oral argument, the parties and the undersigned had a discussion on the record and reached an agreement regarding claimant's current care. Therefore, a consent order is entered to memorialize that agreement.

Defendant has arranged for claimant to be evaluated by Joseph Chen, M.D., in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. However, claimant is due for her regular trigger point injections with Dr. Mathew prior to Dr. Chen's appointment. Defendant has agreed to authorize a one-time appointment with Dr. Mathew for trigger point injections prior to claimant's evaluation with Dr. Chen. The parties have agreed to work together to find appropriate dates for the appointments to the best of their ability. Defendant will not authorize any additional care with Dr. Mathew at this time. Claimant understands her right to file an

additional petition for alternate care if she is not satisfied with the treatment defendant offers following the evaluation with Dr. Chen.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

Defendant will authorize one appointment with Stanley Mathew, M.D., to take place in November 2022, for trigger point injections prior to claimant’s evaluation with Joseph Chen, M.D.

Signed and filed this 1ST day of November, 2022.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jessica L. Cleereman', written over a horizontal line.

JESSICA L. CLEEREMAN
DEPUTY WORKERS'
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served, as follows:

Andrew Giller (via WCES)

Terri Davis (via WCES)