

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

PETER ANDERSEN,

Claimant,

VS.

WESTHAVEN COMMUNITY,

Employer,

and

ARGENT, A DIVISION OF WEST BEND, :

Insurance Carrier,
Defendants.

File No. 19700492.01

A P P E A L

DECISION

Head Notes: 1100; 1108; 1402.30; 1402.40;
1803; 2907; 5-9998

Claimant Peter Anderson appeals from an arbitration decision filed on May 24, 2021. Defendants Westhaven Community, employer, and its insurer, Argent, A Division of West Bend, respond to the appeal. The case was heard on October 29, 2020, and it was considered fully submitted in front of the deputy workers' compensation commissioner on November 30, 2020.

In the arbitration decision, the deputy commissioner found claimant failed to carry his burden of proof to establish he sustained any permanent disability as a result of the stipulated December 2, 2017, work injury. The deputy commissioner found claimant is not entitled to receive any permanent disability benefits for the work injury. The deputy commissioner ordered the parties to pay their own costs of the arbitration proceeding.

Claimant asserts on appeal that the deputy commissioner erred in finding claimant failed to prove he sustained any permanent disability as a result of the work injury. Claimant asserts the deputy commissioner erred in finding claimant is not entitled to receive any permanent disability benefits for the work injury.

Defendants assert on appeal that the arbitration decision should be affirmed in its entirety.

Those portions of the proposed arbitration decision pertaining to issues not raised on appeal are adopted as a part of this appeal decision.

I have performed a de novo review of the evidentiary record and the detailed arguments of the parties, and I reach the same analysis, findings, and conclusions as those reached by the deputy commissioner.

Pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.5 and 86.24, I affirm and adopt as the final agency decision those portions of the proposed arbitration decision filed on May 24, 2021, which relate to the issues properly raised on intra-agency appeal.

I affirm the deputy commissioner's finding that claimant failed to prove he sustained any permanent disability as a result of the work injury. I affirm the deputy commissioner's finding that claimant is not entitled to receive any permanent disability benefits for the work injury. I affirm the deputy commissioner's order that the parties pay their own costs of the arbitration proceeding.

I affirm the deputy commissioner's findings, conclusions and analysis regarding those issues.

ORDER

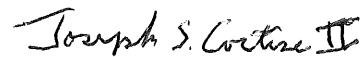
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the arbitration decision filed on May 24, 2021, is affirmed in its entirety.

Claimant shall take nothing further from these proceedings.

Pursuant to rule 876 IAC 4.33, the parties shall pay their own costs of the arbitration proceeding, and claimant shall pay the costs of the appeal, including the cost of the hearing transcript.

Pursuant to rule 876 IAC 3.1(2), defendants shall file subsequent reports of injury as required by this agency.

Signed and filed on this 8th day of September, 2021.



JOSEPH S. CORTESE II
WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served as follows:

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