

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

TRISTA KALKHOFF,  
Claimant,

vs.

PLASTICO, LTD.,  
Employer,

and

EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY  
COMPANY,  
Insurance Carrier,  
Defendants.

File No. 21000580.01  
ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE  
CONSENT ORDER


On March 8, 2021, the claimant filed a petition concerning application for alternate care with the agency. The claimant sought authorization of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the lumbar spine. Defense counsel appeared without filing an answer. The alternate care hearing was ultimately scheduled for March 22, 2021.

Prior to hearing, the parties discussed the claimant's care and came to an agreement. The defendants have agreed to authorize an MRI and follow-up care with Dr. Schmitz at Iowa Ortho. The parties also agreed that, due to the defendants' authorization of the MRI and follow-up care, the alternate care hearing in this matter was not needed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1) The defendants have agreed to authorize an MRI and follow-up care with Dr. Schmitz at Iowa Ortho.
- 2) Because of the parties' agreement regarding care, the alternate care hearing scheduled in this matter is no longer necessary and is therefore cancelled.

Signed and filed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.



BENJAMIN G. HUMPHREY  
DEPUTY WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served, as follows:

MaKayla Augustine (via WCES)

Kent Smith (via WCES)