

## BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

<p>CORA MCADAMS, Claimant,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>CONAGRA FOODS PACKAGED FOODS, Employer,</p> <p>INDEMNITY INSURANCE CO. OF NORTH AMERICA, Insurance Carrier, Defendants.</p>	<p>FILE NO. 22013749.01</p> <p>CONSENT ORDER RE: ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE</p>
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On November 29, 2023, claimant filed an application for alternate medical care under Iowa Code section 85.27 and agency rule 876 IAC 4.48, requesting that defendants be ordered to authorize care for her left shoulder condition and authorize additional testing for claimant's right shoulder condition. The alternate care hearing was scheduled for December 8, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Prior to hearing, defendants agreed to authorize the requested treatment. Specifically, defendants consented to authorize Dr. Nepola as the treating physician for claimant's right shoulder condition and will grant authorization for the right shoulder injection as he recommended. Defendants also agree to authorize Dr. Nepola to evaluate the claimant's left shoulder condition, which includes Dr. Nepola's recommendations for additional testing of the left shoulder.

The parties desired that a Consent Order be entered in this case, in lieu of a hearing. A hearing is therefore determined to be unnecessary, based on the agreement of the parties.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Defendants shall authorize Dr. Nepola as the treating physician for claimant's right shoulder condition and grant authorization for his recommended treatment of a right shoulder injection. Defendants will also authorize Dr. Nepola to evaluate the claimant's left shoulder condition, including Dr. Nepola's recommendations for additional testing of the left shoulder.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed and filed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Amanda Rutherford", written over a horizontal line.

AMANDA R. RUTHERFORD  
DEPUTY WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served, as follows:

Nicholas Pothitakis (via WCES)

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