BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

TERRY PARSONS,

Claimant,

VS.

HY-VEE.

Employer,

and

EMC PROPERTY & CASUALTY,

Insurance Carrier, Defendants.

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION

File No. 5066686

ALTERNATE MEDICAL

CARE CONSENT ORDER

HEAD NOTE NO: 2701

Claimant filed a petition seeking alternate medical care. A telephonic hearing for this petition was scheduled for December 3, 2018.

Based on an off-the-record conversation with both counsel, the alternate medical care requested defendants to provide a neurological evaluation for claimant as recommended by a treating physician.

In a professional statement, defendants' counsel indicates defendants tried and failed to schedule a neurological evaluation in Sioux City, Iowa. At the time of the phone conference, defendants were trying to schedule an appointment with Ruan Neurologic Clinic (Ruan) in Des Moines, Iowa, but the appointment was not yet confirmed.

In an effort to avoid an unnecessary hearing, and yet protect the interests of their clients, the parties agree to entry of a consent order requiring defendants to provide claimant with a neurological evaluation with Ruan.

This consent order is not intended to reflect findings of fact or conclusions of law relative to this claim. Rather, it is intended to document and enter an order that is consistent with both parties' positions and acceptable to both parties. A formal alternate medical care hearing was not conducted, as all parties consented to entry of this order and waived the formal hearing.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

Pursuant to the agreement of the parties prior to the scheduled December 3, 2018, alternate medical care hearing, defendants shall authorize and provide a neurological evaluation for claimant with Ruan. If Ruan refuses to evaluate claimant, the parties may contact the undersigned regarding other options of treatment. Claimant also retains the right to file another petition for alternate medical care regarding this matter.

Signed and filed this ______ day of December, 2018.

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