BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

CHRISTOPHER MARTIN,

Claimant,

VS.

HOGAN TRANSPORTS, INC.,

Employer,

and

AMTRUST INSURANCE COMPANY,

Insurance Carrier, Defendants.

File No. 22700535.02

CONSENT ORDER RE:

ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE

On June 8, 2022, claimant filed a petition for alternate medical care. On June 14, 2022, defendants filed a notice of appearance. The matter was scheduled for hearing on June 21, 2022. At the beginning of the hearing, counsel for defendants stated she tried to file an answer on WCES prior to the hearing, but it was rejected.

During the hearing, defendants stated they have accepted liability for claimant's cumulative back injury, but they dispute whether June 25, 2021, is the correct injury date. (Testimony). Defendants believe the correct injury date is July 24, 2021. (*Id.*). The parties' date dispute is not relevant to this proceeding and will not be addressed in this order.

At hearing, defendants stated they are willing to authorize a return visit with Dr. Chang to evaluate claimant's current back complaints. (*Id.*). Dr. Chang is the authorized provider in this case. (*Id.*). Defendants indicated that if Dr. Chang recommends further treatment for claimant's accepted back condition, such as pain management or injections, defendants will approve and authorize that recommended care. (*Id.*). Claimant's counsel indicated that was an acceptable resolution. The parties concurred that this agreement resolves the pending alternate medical care petition and requested entry of a consent order to confirm and document the agreement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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Dr. Chang will remain the authorized provider for claimant's accepted back injury. Defendants agree to authorize a return visit to Dr. Chang and further agree to approve and authorize any further treatment recommendations made by Dr. Chang for claimant's accepted back injury, including pain management and/or injections.

Signed and filed this 22nd day of June, 2022.

AMANDA R. RUTHERFORD
DEPUTY WORKERS'
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served, as follows:

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