

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

MARY ANN WOOD,

Claimant,

vs.

ROCKWELL COLLINS, INC.,

Employer,
Self-Insured,
Defendant.

File No. 21002159.04

ALTERNATE MEDICAL

CARE CONSENT ORDER

Head Note No.: 2701

On March 7, 2022, claimant filed an application for alternate medical care. On March 17, 2022, Defendant filed an answer. The matter was scheduled for hearing on the 17th day of March, 2022.

This matter has been subject to prior consent orders. On February 4, 2022, the undersigned issued a consent order for a prior application for alternate medical care. At that time, claimant was requesting treatment with James Huber, D.O. Prior to hearing, defendants agreed to authorize the requested treatment, and a consent order was issued.

The current application is a request for essentially the same care. Since the prior consent order, defendants have not authorized the injections with Dr. Huber as agreed. At the time of hearing, defense counsel indicated his understanding that the claims adjuster had attempted to authorize the treatment, but Dr. Huber's office had not sent an order for the care. Since that time, Dr. Huber has left his practice in Iowa, with plans to relocate out of state. As such, claimant can no longer seek treatment with Dr. Huber.

The parties advised that Dr. Huber recently made a referral for claimant to transfer care to Stanley Mathew, M.D. Defendants have authorized treatment with Dr. Mathew and are in the process of scheduling an appointment with his office. Defense counsel further advised his nurse practitioner will be available to see claimant at an earlier date than Dr. Mathew himself. Claimant's attorney indicated this is an acceptable solution at this time. As such, the hearing was not needed and the parties agreed to entry of a consent order to confirm and document the agreement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Defendants will authorize treatment for the accepted, work-related condition with Dr. Stanley Mathew. Authorization will include treatment with other health care providers in his office, such as nurse practitioners, as Dr. Mathew deems appropriate and necessary.

Within seven (7) days of the date of this order, defendants shall secure an appointment date and time with Dr. Mathew's office, for claimant to be seen as soon as possible by Dr. Mathew or a nurse practitioner, as Dr. Mathew deems appropriate. Defendants will immediately communicate the details of said appointment to claimant's counsel.

Defendants are cautioned that further delays in authorization of treatment for claimant's work-related condition may result in termination of their right to further direct medical care in this case.

Signed and filed this 17th day of March, 2022.



JESSICA L. CLEEREMAN
DEPUTY WORKERS'
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served, as follows:

Nate Willems (via WCES)

Patrick O'Connell (via WCES)