

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

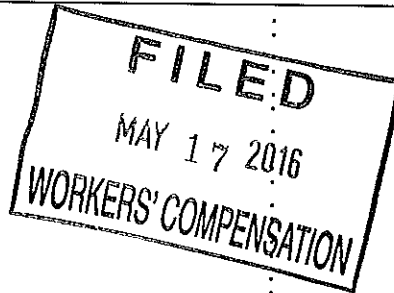
CARLI HAHN,
Claimant,

vs.

PELLA PRODUCTS,
Employer,

and

TRAVELERS,
Insurance Carrier,
Defendants.



File No. 5055982

MEMORANDUM OF

ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE DECISION

On May 4, 2016, claimant filed an application for alternate medical care under Iowa Code section 85.27 and rule 876 IAC 4.48. A hearing was held on May 16, 2016. All parties were given proper notice.

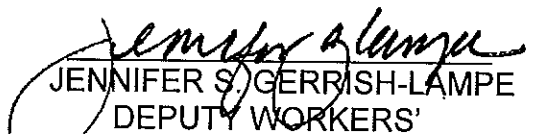
Claimant sustained a back injury on November 4, 2015, which arose out of and in the course of employment. Claimant expressed dissatisfaction with her current provider. Specifically, she asserted a breakdown in the patient-doctor relationship.

The hearing was recorded via digital voice recorder and a complete decision was dictated into the record on the day of the hearing. The decision will be reproduced in typewritten form only if the decision is appealed, and the parties are advised to follow the procedures outlined under the administrative code. Any rights of appeal will run from the date the decision was dictated into the record May 16, 2016.

The deputy ordered that claimant's petition for alternate medical care be granted. The deputy found that the claimant did carry her burden to prove a breakdown in the patient-doctor relationship. Based on the finding, the defendants agreed to authorize the referral to Dr. Steindler.

Pursuant to a standing order of delegation of authority by the workers' compensation commissioner pursuant to Iowa Code section 86.3, the undersigned enters this decision for the workers' compensation commissioner. There is no right of appeal of this decision to the workers' compensation commissioner. Appeal of this decision, if any, would be by judicial review pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.19.

Signed and filed this 17th day of May, 2016.


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DEPUTY WORKERS'
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