

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA**

No. 21-0760

Submitted March 23, 2022—Filed April 1, 2022

**MARY DENG,**

Appellant,

vs.

**FARMLAND FOODS, INC. and SAFETY NATIONAL CASUALTY  
CORPORATION,**

Appellees.

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Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Crawford County, Roger L. Sailer,  
Judge.

A workers' compensation claimant challenges the commissioner's treatment of her rotator cuff injury as a scheduled injury rather than an unscheduled whole body injury under Iowa Code section 85.34(2). **AFFIRMED.**

Christensen, C.J., delivered the opinion of the court, in which all participating justices joined. Mansfield and McDermott, JJ., took no part in the consideration or decision of the case.

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**CHRISTENSEN, Chief Justice.**

Mary Deng sought workers' compensation benefits for injuries she sustained to her infraspinatus muscle and labrum during the course of her employment. Deng's infraspinatus muscle injury, which is part of the rotator cuff, is the only injury at issue. Specifically, the parties raise the same legal issue addressed in *Chavez v. MS Technology, LLC*, \_\_\_ N.W.2d \_\_\_ (Iowa 2022), filed today: whether a rotator cuff injury is a scheduled "shoulder" injury under Iowa Code section 85.34(2)(n) (2018) or an unscheduled whole body injury under section 85.34(2)(v) for compensation purposes. Upon consideration of the issue and for the reasons set forth in *Chavez*, we affirm the district court judgment classifying the rotator cuff injury as a scheduled "shoulder" injury under section 85.34(2)(n).

**AFFIRMED.**

All justices concur except Mansfield and McDermott, JJ., who take no part.