

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSION

WCC #F204082

HELEN QUICK, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
LITTLE GOLD, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INC., INSURANCE CARRIER/TPA	RESPONDENT

OPINION AND ORDER

Comes on for consideration this 2nd day of March, 2004, the request and agreement of the parties that the claimant be granted a one-time only change of physicians to Dr. Kenneth Rosenzweig, an orthopedic specialist in Little Rock, Arkansas.

A prehearing conference was conducted on January 14, 2004, in the above-styled claim and a Prehearing Order filed January 15, 2004, at which time the claim was scheduled for a formal hearing.

It is undisputed that the claimant sustained compensable injuries to her left femur and right shoulder on April 16, 2002, and that the claimant subsequently sustained an injury to her left hip during her hospitalization which was ultimately accepted as a compensable consequence of the April 16, 2002, injury. Respondents have paid related medical expenses, as well as various temporary total disability and permanent impairment benefits, specifically related to the injuries to claimant's right shoulder, as well as right distal femoral fractures assessed by Dr. Bruce Safman while resisting responsibility for further evaluations to determine permanent impairment related to the claimant's left hip injury.

A hearing was scheduled to determine whether the claimant was entitled to further evaluations, as well as permanent impairment related to the admitted, left hip injury. Prior to the hearing, the claimant requested a change of treating physicians from Dr. Ethan Schock to Dr. Kenneth Rosenzweig. Respondents have no objection so long as the change is considered claimant's one-time only change pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-514. This was confirmed by submission of an Agreed Change of Physicians Order, signed by both parties.

This administrative law judge contacted Dr. Rosenzweig's office, and Dr. Rosenzweig has graciously agreed to the requested change. Accordingly, the claimant is hereby granted a one-time only change of physicians to Dr. Kenneth Rosenzweig.

The claimant is to contact Dr. Rosenzweig's office in order to schedule an examination, evaluation, and treatment, if necessary. The parties are to provide Dr. Rosenzweig's office with any diagnostic studies and/or reports in order to avoid an duplication of services; however, Dr. Rosenzweig is authorized to conduct any additional diagnostic studies that he deems reasonably necessary in order to evaluate and treat the claimant. The cost of Dr. Rosenzweig's examination and treatment is to be paid by Westport Insurance Corporation, third-party administrator, Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc., Post Office Box 7140, North Little Rock, AR 72124-7140. (501-771-0344)

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DAVID GREENBAUM
Chief Administrative Law Judge

