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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F007706

SANDI ROMMEL,
EMPLOYEE

CLAIMANT

FAYETTEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
EMPLOYER

RESPONDENT

RISK MANAGEMENT RESOURCES,
INSURANCE CARRIER

RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED JULY 10, 2003

Upon review before the FULL COMMISSION in Little Rock,
Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Claimant represented by HONORABLE ROBERT J. LAMBERT, JR.,
Attorney at Law, Springdale, Arkansas.

Respondents represented by HONORABLE CURTIS L. NEBBEN,
Attorney at Law, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Decision of the Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and
Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

This case comes on for review by the Full
Commission on appeal by respondents from an opinion filed
herein by an Administrative Law Judge on October 2, 2002.

The Administrative Law Judge entered the following
findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The stipulations agreed to by the
parties at the pre-hearing
conference conducted on July 24,
2002, and contained in a pre-
hearing order filed that same date,
are hereby accepted as fact.

2. Claimant has met her burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that she suffered a compensable injury to her right knee while employed by respondent on February 21, 2000.
3. Respondent is liable for payment of all reasonable and necessary medical treatment provided in connection with claimant's compensable injury.
4. At the time of the hearing, claimant had failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that she is entitled to temporary total disability benefits relating to her right knee.
5. Claimant has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that she is in need of additional medical treatment for her compensable left knee injury.
6. Respondent has controverted claimant's entitlement to all unpaid compensation benefits.

We have carefully conducted a de novo review of the entire record herein, and it is our opinion that the decision of the Administrative Law Judge is correct and should be affirmed. Specifically, we find from a preponderance of the evidence that the findings of fact made by the Administrative Law Judge are correct, and they are, therefore, adopted by the Full Commission.

We therefore affirm the October 2, 2002 opinion of the Administrative Law Judge, including all findings of fact and conclusions of law therein, and adopt the opinion as the decision of the Full Commission. All accrued benefits shall be paid in a lump sum without discount and with interest thereon at the lawful rate from the date of the Administrative Law Judge's decision in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-809 (Repl. 2002). For prevailing on this appeal before the Full Commission, claimant's attorney is hereby awarded an additional attorney's fee in the amount of \$250.00 in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-715 (Repl. 1996).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

OLAN W. REEVES, Chairman

SHELBY W. TURNER, Commissioner

Commissioner Yates dissents.