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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F002116

KAY JARRELL, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
STANT MANUFACTURING, INC., EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
AIG CLAIM SERVICES, CARRIER	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED MARCH 10, 2004

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

Claimant represented by HONORABLE KENNETH BUCKNER, Attorney at Law, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Respondent represented by HONORABLE CAROL L. WORLEY and MELISSA ROSS, Attorneys at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Claimant appeals from a decision of the Administrative Law Judge filed August 27, 2003.

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

1. The Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission has jurisdiction of this claim in which the relationship of employee-employer-carrier existed on February 23, 2000, at which time the claimant sustained a compensable injury;
2. All authorized physicians are subject to the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-508 and Rule 30. Once a change of physician has been

granted, the doctor becomes the authorized treating physician and his treatment plan is subject to challenge as unreasonable, unnecessary or unrelated to the compensable injury.

3. The respondents have provided adequate medical care to the claimant fulfilling their obligation under Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-508 and all appropriate medical expenses have been paid. Therefore, the respondents are not in contempt of the Commission's change of physician order.
4. The treatment and referrals recommended by Dr. Burba are redundant and unnecessary. The claimant has failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence of record that she is entitled to additional medical treatment.

We have carefully conducted a de novo review of the entire record herein and it is our opinion that the Administrative Law Judge's decision is supported by a preponderance of the credible evidence, correctly applies the law, 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.

Thus, we affirm and adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge, including all findings and

conclusions therein, as the decision of the Full Commission on appeal.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

OLAN W. REEVES, Chairman

KAREN H. McKINNEY, Commissioner

Commissioner Turner dissents.