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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F206445

JOSEPH V. TEASLEY, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
HERMANN COMPANIES, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INSURANCE CO., INSURANCE CARRIER	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED JANUARY 23, 2004

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

Claimant represented by HONORABLE JOHN C. BARTTELT, Attorney at Law, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Respondent represented by HONORABLE FRANK B. NEWELL, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

The claimant appeals from a decision of the Administrative Law Judge filed July 14, 2003.

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

1. The Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission has jurisdiction over this claim.
2. The proposed stipulations one (1) through four (4), aforementioned, are reasonable and are hereby accepted as fact.
3. The claimant has failed to prove that any of the medical providers have contracted with the attorney for the claimant to recover bills for services provided, to date.

4. The claimant's attorney may not charge medical providers a fee as a costs of collection without a contract.

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.

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OLAN W. REEVES, Chairman

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KAREN H. MCKINNEY, Commissioner

Commissioner Turner dissents.