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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F209677

VIOLET LAWRENCE, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
EAST ARK. AREA AGENCY ON AGING, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
RISK MANAGEMENT RESOURCES, TPA	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED OCTOBER 11, 2006

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

Claimant represented by HONORABLE JIM R. BURTON , Attorney at Law, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Respondent represented by HONORABLE BETTY J. DEMORY, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

The respondents appeal from a decision of the Administrative Law Judge filed May 10, 2006.

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.
2. On March 19, 2002, the relationship of employee-employer existed between the parties.

3. On March 19, 2002, the claimant earned wages sufficient to entitle her to weekly compensation benefits of \$69.00, for temporary total/permanent partial disability.

4. On March 19, 2002, the claimant sustained an injury to her right upper extremity arising out of and in the course of her employment.

5. On September 30, 2004, an Amended Change of Physician Order was entered designating Dr. G. Thomas Frazier as the authorized treating physician relative to the claimant's March 19, 2002, compensable injury. The treatment recommendations as set forth in the October 25, 2004, report of Dr. Frazier are reasonably necessary in connection with the injury received by the claimant on March 19, 2002.

6. The respondent shall pay all reasonable hospital and medical expenses arising out of the injury of March 19, 2002.

7. The respondent has controverted the claimant's entitlement to additional workers' compensation benefits, to include medical benefits, subsequent to August 20, 2002, save for the initial October 25, 2004, visit to Dr. Frazier.

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. 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 \$500.00 in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-715 (Repl. 2002).

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

OLAN W. REEVES, Chairman

SHELBY W. TURNER, Commissioner

Commissioner McKinney dissents.