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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F504517

SHEILA SCHAFFNER,
EMPLOYEE

CLAIMANT

DR. CHARLES POPE,
EMPLOYER

RESPONDENT

STATE AUTOMOBILE MUTUAL INS. CO.,
CARRIER

RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED AUGUST 9, 2006

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

Claimant represented by HONORABLE KENNETH HARPER, Attorney at Law, Monticello, Arkansas.

Respondent represented by HONORABLE GENE WILLIAMS, Attorney 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 March 13, 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. The stipulations agreed to by the parties are reasonable and are hereby accepted as fact.
3. The claimant has failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the existence and extent of her alleged injury is established by medical evidence supported by objective findings.
4. The claimant has therefore failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that she sustained a compensable injury.
5. The respondents have controverted this claim in its entirety.

The claimant alleges that she sustained a compensable injury that is governed by the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Act, A.C.A. § 11-9-101 et seq. The claimant's alleged injury is, indeed, an injury that is covered by the Act; however, the claimant has failed to establish the elements necessary to prove a compensable injury by a preponderance of the evidence.

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.