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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F001706

TAMMY TACKETT WARD, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
ST. EDWARD MERCY MEDICAL CENTER, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT NO. 1
SISTERS OF MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM, CARRIER	RESPONDENT NO. 1
DEATH & PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY TRUST FUND	RESPONDENT NO. 2

OPINION FILED AUGUST 17, 2007

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

Claimant represented by HONORABLE EDDIE WALKER, JR., Attorney at Law, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Respondent No. 1 represented by HONORABLE RANDY P. MURPHY, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondent No. 2 represented by HONORABLE JUDY RUDD, 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 March 28, 2007.

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 February 4, 2000, the relationship of employee-employer-carrier existed between the parties.

3. It was agreed by the parties that all prior opinions and orders will be incorporated by reference into this matter.

4. The claimant has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that she is entitled to additional medical treatment at the direction of Dr. Jordan.

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. 1996).

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 to be paid one-half by claimant and one-half by respondent. Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-715(a)(2)(B) and § 11-9-715(b)(2).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

OLAN W. REEVES, Chairman

PHILIP A. HOOD, Commissioner

Commissioner McKinney dissents.