

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. G903144

PRESTON ALLEN, CLAIMANT  
EMPLOYEE

STAFFMARK, INC., RESPONDENT  
EMPLOYER

ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, RESPONDENT NO. 1  
INSURANCE CARRIER/TPA

DEATH & PERMANENT TOTAL RESPONDENT NO. 2  
DISABILITY TRUST FUND

OPINION FILED FEBRUARY 26, 2021

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

Claimant appeared pro se.

Respondents #1 represented by the HONORABLE MELISSA WOOD,  
Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondents #2 represented by the HONORABLE CHRISTY L. KING,  
Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

ORDER

The claimant, *pro se*, moves the Commission to allow presentation of “new evidence.” The respondents ask the Commission to deny the motion.

The parties stipulated that the claimant sustained compensable injuries to his lower back, right arm, and right leg on May 8, 2019. A pre-hearing order was filed on March 9, 2020. The claimant contended, among other things, that he was entitled to additional benefits. The respondents contended that all appropriate benefits had been paid. After a hearing, an administrative law judge filed an opinion on November 10, 2020. The

administrative law judge found that the claimant failed to prove he was entitled to additional medical treatment, additional temporary total disability benefits, or permanent partial disability benefits. The claimant filed a timely notice of appeal.

After an extension of the briefing schedule, the claimant filed a brief on January 13, 2021. The claimant now seeks to introduce into the record various documents from Pain Treatment Centers of America and St. Bernards Medical Center. The respondents request that the Commission deny the claimant's "Motion to Present New Medical Evidence."

The Full Commission takes the claimant's motion and the respondents' response under advisement pending our *de novo* review of the entire record. We direct the Clerk of the Commission to establish a final briefing schedule, so that the respondents can brief the Full Commission, and so that the claimant may file a reply brief if desired.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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SCOTTY DALE DOUTHIT, Chairman

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CHRISTOPHER L. PALMER, Commissioner

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M. SCOTT WILLHITE, Commissioner