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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F611493

TERESA BERNARD, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
CITY OF BRYANT, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT NO. 1
ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM, INSURANCE CARRIER/TPA	RESPONDENT NO. 1
DEATH AND PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY TRUST FUND	RESPONDENT NO. 2

OPINION FILED SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

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

Claimant represented by the HONORABLE GARY DAVIS, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondents No. 1 represented by the HONORABLE MELISSA WOOD, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondents No. 2 represented by the HONORABLE DAVID L. PAKE, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Respondents appeal an opinion and order of the Administrative Law Judge filed July 19, 2021. In said order, the Administrative Law Judge made the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission has jurisdiction over this claim.

2. I hereby accept the aforementioned stipulations as fact.
3. The Claimant proved by a preponderance of the evidence that additional medical treatment under the care of Dr. Barngrover is reasonably necessary for treatment of compensable back injury of September 17, 2005.

We have carefully conducted a *de novo* review of the entire record herein and it is our opinion that the Administrative Law Judge's July 19, 2021 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 made by the Administrative Law Judge are correct and they are, therefore, adopted by the Full Commission.

We therefore affirm the decision of the Administrative Law Judge, including all findings of fact and conclusions of law therein, and adopt the opinion 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. 2012).

For prevailing on appeal to the Full Commission, the claimant's attorney is entitled to an additional fee of five hundred dollars (\$500), pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-715(b)(Repl. 2012).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SCOTTY DALE DOUTHIT, Chairman

CHRISTOPHER L. PALMER, Commissioner

M. SCOTT WILLHITE, Commissioner