

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

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DEBRA BROWN, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
WESTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
ARKANSAS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC., CARRIER	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED JULY 14, 2021

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

Claimant represented by THE HONORABLE ANDY L. CALDWELL,
Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondents represented by THE HONORABLE MELISSA WOOD,
Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Respondents appeal the Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge filed March 4, 2021. In said order, the Administrative Law Judge made the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The stipulations agreed to by the parties at a pre-hearing conference conducted on July 30, 2020 and contained in a pre-hearing order filed that same date are hereby accepted as fact.
2. Claimant has met her burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the treatment provided by Dr. Coker, including a total knee replacement surgery, is reasonable and necessary medical treatment for her compensable injury.

3. Claimant has also proven by a preponderance of the evidence that she is entitled to temporary total disability benefits beginning February 26, 2020 and continuing through a date yet to be determined.
4. Respondent has controverted claimant's entitlement to all unpaid indemnity benefits.

We have carefully conducted a *de novo* review of the entire record and find 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 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.

For prevailing on this appeal before the Full Commission, Claimant's attorney is entitled to fees for legal services in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-715(a). For prevailing on appeal to the Full

Commission, Claimant's attorney is entitled to an additional fee of \$500 under Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-715(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SCOTTY DALE DOUTHIT, Chairman

CHRISTOPHER L. PALMER, Commissioner

M. SCOTT WILLHITE, Commissioner