

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. **H104776**

ALEXANDER BERNAL, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
PRISHA CONSULTING & CONSTRUCTION LLC, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
GUARD INSURANCE COMPANIES, INSURANCE CARRIER	RESPONDENT

OPINION/ORDER FILED **MARCH 25, 2022**

Hearing before ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JOSEPH C. SELF, in Springdale, Washington County, Arkansas.

Claimant appearing *pro se*.

Respondents are represented by RANDY P. MURPHY, Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas

OPINION/ORDER

On June 7, 2021, claimant filed Form AR-C, alleging a compensable injury on March 21, 2021. Claimant was not represented by an attorney when the AR-C was filed, and remains *pro se*.

On December 17, 2021, respondents, through their attorney, Mr. Randy Murphy, filed a Motion to Dismiss, alleging that it had been more than six months since claimant filed his Form AR-C with the Commission, but he had not made a request for a hearing in that time. A hearing on respondent's Motion to Dismiss was scheduled for February 10, 2022. Claimant appeared in person at the hearing on February 10, 2022. However, because an interpreter was required to conduct the hearing, this matter was continued to March 17, 2022. Both parties appeared for the hearing on March 17, 2022.

Respondent presented its Motion to Dismiss, and claimant's position was that he did not know how to proceed with his claim after it was denied by respondent. Claimant was given the contact

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information for the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission's Legal Advisor and indicated to me that he would contact that advisor.

Given that claimant objected to this dismissal and indicated a willingness to proceed with his claim and taking into consideration that the claim could be refiled within the applicable statute of limitations, I am denying the respondent's Motion to Dismiss.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

JOSEPH C. SELF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE