BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CLAIM NO. H504303

COTY LANGLOIS,
EMPLOYEE **CLAIMANT**

SEVIER COUNTY MED. CTR.,
EMPLOYER **RESPONDENT**

ARK. HEALTHCARE ASS'N WORKERS' COMP. TRUST/
RISK MG'T SOLUTIONS, INC.,
CARRIER/TPA **RESPONDENT**

OPINION FILED JULY 21, 2026,
GRANTING RESPONDENTS' MOTION TO DISMISS WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Hearing conducted on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, before the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission (the Commission), Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Mike Pickens, in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

The claimant is represented by the Honorable Gregory R. Giles, Moore, Giles & Matteson, L.L.P., Texarkana, Miller County, Arkansas, who waived appearance at the hearing.

The respondents were represented by the Honorable Carol Lockard Worley, Worley, Wood & Parrish, P.A., Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

A hearing was conducted on July 21, 2026, to determine whether this claim should be dismissed without prejudice pursuant to ***Ark. Code Ann.*** § 11-9-702(a)(4) (2025 Lexis Replacement) and 11 ***CAR*** Section 25-110(d) (2025 ***Code of AR Regulations***), formerly cited as Commission Rule 099.13 (2025 Lexis Repl.)

On March 12, 2026, the respondents filed with the Commission a motion to dismiss without prejudice (MTD). (Respondents' Exhibit 1 at ??). Both the claimant and her attorney were provided due and legal notice of the respondents' MTD. (RX1 at ??). Thereafter, after some

negotiation the claimant's and respondents' attorneys entered into an agreed order which was filed with the Commission on July 7, 2026. (Respondents' Exhibit 1 at ??). This agreed order resolved all the outstanding issues that were in dispute at this time. After the filing of this agreed order, both the claimant's and respondents' attorneys agreed it was appropriate to dismiss this claim without prejudice in accordance with the respondents' MTD filed March 12, 2026. (RX1 at ??).

The record herein consists of the hearing transcript and any and all exhibits contained therein or attached thereto.

DISCUSSION

Consistent with ***Ark. Code Ann.***§ 11-9-702(a)(4) (2025 Lexis Replacement), as well as our court of appeals' ruling in *Dillard vs. Benton County Sheriff's Office*, 87 Ark. App. 379, 192 S.W.3d 287 (Ark. App. 2004), the Commission scheduled and conducted a hearing on the respondents' MTD filed April 2, 2026. Rather than recite a detailed analysis of the record, suffice it to say the preponderance of the evidence introduced at the hearing and contained in the record conclusively reveals the claimant has failed and/or refused to either actively prosecute his claim or to request a hearing within the last six (6) months.

Therefore, after a thorough consideration of the issues at bar, the applicable law as applied to the facts of this claim, and other relevant matters of record including the representations of credible counsel, I hereby make the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction of this claim.

2. After having received due and legal notice of both the respondents' MTD without prejudice filed with the Commission on March 12, 2026, the claimant and respondents resolved all the current outstanding issues via an agreed order filed with the Commission on July 7, 2026.

3. Therefore, the preponderance of the evidence compels the decision the respondents' MTD without prejudice filed March 12, 2026, should be and hereby is GRANTED; and this claim is dismissed with prejudice to its refiling pursuant to the deadlines prescribed by ***Ark. Code Ann.*** Section 11-9-702(a) and (b) and 11 ***CAR*** Section 25-110(d) (2025 ***Code of AR Regulations***), formerly cited as Commission Rule 099.13.

If they have not already done so, the respondents hereby are ordered to pay the court reporter's invoice upon their receipt thereof.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Mike Pickens
Administrative Law Judge

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