BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. H206953

JEAN ZIMMER, Employee	CLAIMANT
DARDANELLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL, Employer	RESPONDENT
ARK. HOSP. ASSOC./RISK MGT. RESOURCES, Carrier/TPA	RESPONDENT

OPINION/ORDER FILED MAY 24, 2023

Hearing before ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE GREGORY K. STEWART in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas.

Claimant not represented by counsel and not appearing at hearing.

Respondents represented by MELISSA WOOD, Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas.

OPINION/ORDER

This case comes on for review following a hearing on respondent's Motion to Dismiss.

On July 15, 2022, claimant suffered an injury to various body parts for which respondent paid medical benefits. On September 27, 2022, Form AR-C was filed by Attorney York requesting compensation benefits. No further action was taken and on March 1, 2023, Ms. York's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel was granted. Subsequently, on March 29, 2023, respondent filed this Motion to Dismiss.

A hearing was scheduled on the respondent's motion for May 18, 2023. Notice of the hearing was sent to claimant by certified mail and was delivered on April 7, 2023. Claimant did not appear at the hearing and has not responded to the respondent's motion. Zimmer – H206953

After my review of the respondent's motion, the claimant's failure to respond thereto, and all other matters properly before the Commission, I find that respondent's motion to dismiss this claim should be and hereby is granted. This dismissal is pursuant to Commission Rule 099.13 and it is without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

GREGORY K. STEWART ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE