

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

FILE NO. H200157

LINDSEY M. CRANE, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
HOBBY LOBBY STORES INC., EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, CARRIER	RESPONDENT
SEDGWICK CLAIMS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., TPA	RESPONDENT

ORDER FILED JUNE 26, 2024

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

Claimant was represented by the HONORABLE EDDIE H. WALKER, Attorney at Law, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Respondents represented by the HONORABLE KEVIN J. STATEN, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

ORDER

This matter comes before the Full Commission on the Respondents'

**MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE RESPONDENTS' COUNSEL AND INCORPORATED**

**BRIEF BY REFERENCE**. The Full Commission grants the motion.

An Administrative Law Judge (hereinafter referred to as "ALJ") filed an opinion on September 8, 2023. The ALJ found, among other things, that the Claimant proved she was entitled to temporary total disability benefits and additional medical treatment. The ALJ found that the Respondents failed to prove an Independent Medical Evaluation was reasonably necessary. The Respondents appealed the ALJ's opinion and the Claimant cross-appealed.

In an opinion filed February 27, 2024, the Full Commission affirmed and adopted the ALJ's September 8, 2023 decision. There has been no appeal of the Full Commission's opinion filed February 27, 2024, and therefore the opinion is now final. Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-711(b)(1)(Supp. 2023).

The Respondents have moved to substitute Newkirk and Jones Law Firm, PLLC as counsel for the Respondents. The Claimant has not filed an objection, and the Full Commission grants the motion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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SCOTTY DALE DOUTHIT, Chairman

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M. SCOTT WILLHITE, Commissioner

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MICHAEL R. MAYTON, Commissioner