

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

MICHAEL W. JOHNSON,

Claimant,

vs.

WHIRLPOOL,

Self-Insured Employer,
Defendant.

File No. 5068455.01

ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE

CONSENT ORDER

Claimant filed a petition seeking alternate medical care. A telephonic hearing on this petition was scheduled for July 21, 2020. Shortly before the commencement of the alternate medical care hearing, counsel notified the undersigned that the parties were able to reach an amicable agreement and that a consent order should be ordered.

Specifically, claimant requests authorization of surgical intervention for an ulnar neuropathy, as recommended by Joseph A. Buckwalter, M.D. Defendants agreed to authorize the recommended procedure, which includes an ulnar nerve decompression and possible transposition of the nerve. Both parties agree that a consent order is appropriate and that a formal hearing is unnecessary to resolve this contested case dispute.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

Pursuant to the agreement of the parties, defendants shall promptly authorize and pay for the surgery recommended by Dr. Buckwalter, including the ulnar nerve decompression and possible transposition of the nerve.

Signed and filed this 21st day of July, 2020.



WILLIAM H. GRELL
DEPUTY WORKERS'
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

The parties have been served, as follows:

Thomas Wertz (via WCES)

Steven Durick (via WCES)