

APPEAL NO. 010581

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on February 15, 2001. The hearing officer determined that the compensable injury sustained by respondent (claimant) extended to an aggravation of his left hip avascular necrosis. Appellant (carrier) appeals that determination on sufficiency grounds. Claimant responded that the Appeals Panel should affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

DECISION

We affirm.

We have reviewed the complained-of determination and conclude that the issue involved a fact question for the hearing officer. The hearing officer reviewed the record and decided what facts were established. We conclude that the hearing officer's determination regarding extent of injury is not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

We affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

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Judy L. S. Barnes  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Gary L. Kilgore  
Appeals Judge

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Robert W. Potts  
Appeals Judge