

APPEAL NO. 010885
FILED JUNE 13, 2001

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 April 9, 2001. The hearing officer determined that respondent/cross-appellant (claimant) did not sustain a compensable injury and that she did not have disability. Claimant appealed these determinations on sufficiency grounds. Appellant/cross-respondent (carrier) responded that the Appeals Panel should affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

DECISION

We affirm.

Carrier alleges that the claimant's request for review fails to invoke the jurisdiction of the Appeals Panel because it fails to state grounds for review. Carrier argues that such a request for review does not meet the requirements of Section 410.202(c) and Tex. W.C. Comm'n, 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 143.3(a)(2) (Rule 143.3(a)(2)). No particular form of appeal is required and an appeal, even though terse or inartfully worded, will be considered. Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 91131, decided February 12, 1992; Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 93040, decided March 1, 1993. Generally, appeals which lack specificity will be treated as attacks on the sufficiency of the evidence. Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 92081, decided April 14, 1992. We consider the claimant's appeal an attack on the sufficiency of the evidence supporting the hearing officer's resolution of the only two interrelated issues upon which her decision was adverse to claimant--the issues of injury and disability.

We have reviewed the complained-of determinations and conclude that the issues involved fact questions for the hearing officer. The hearing officer reviewed the record and decided what facts were established. We conclude that the hearing officer's determinations are 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.

Judy L. S. Barnes
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Philip F. O'Neill
Appeals Judge

Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge