

APPEAL NO. 011632
FILED AUGUST 23, 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 (CCH) was held on June 18, 2001. The hearing officer heard issues from two separate benefit review conferences at the CCH. With regard to the issues before her, the hearing officer concluded that the respondent's (claimant herein) compensable injury of _____, extends to and/or includes her right meniscus tear condition and that on _____, the claimant sustained a compensable injury to both knees and to her left elbow. The appellant (self-insured herein) files requests for review, contending that these determinations were contrary to the evidence. The claimant responds that the decision of the hearing officer was supported by the evidence.

DECISION

Reversed and remanded.

This case is remanded for the sole purpose of compliance with HB2600 amending Section 410.164, effective June 17, 2001. Section 410.164 was amended by the addition of subsection (c), which provides as follows:

- (c) At each [CCH], as applicable, the insurance carrier shall file with the hearing officer and shall deliver to the claimant a single document stating the true corporate name of the insurance carrier and the name and address of the insurance carrier's registered agent for service of process. The document is part of the record of the [CCH].

The hearing officer procedure for implementing this statutory amendment is in the June 19, 2001, Texas Workers' Compensation Commission (Commission) memorandum to hearing officers, entitled "Required Insurance Carrier Information."

A rehearing on remand is required to obtain this information and admit it into the record. The hearing officer may reissue her original decision as the Decision on Remand with the added information, or she may incorporate by reference the original decision into a decision on remand with the added information. See Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 011533-S, decided August 6, 2001.

Pending resolution of the remand, a final decision has not been made in this case. However, since reversal and remand necessitate the issuance of a new decision and order by the hearing officer, a party who wishes to appeal from such new decision must file a request for review not later than 15 days after the date on which such new decision is received

from the Commission's Division of Hearings, pursuant to Section 410.202 (amended June 17, 2001). See Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 92642, decided January 20, 1993.

Gary L. Kilgore
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Michael B. McShane
Appeals Judge

Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge