

APPEAL NO. 022189
FILED OCTOBER 10, 2002

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 July 29, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the respondent's (claimant) compensable left hand injury includes an injury to the right shoulder and the thoracic and lumber spine, but not the left shoulder or cervical spine; and that the claimant has had disability from December 30, 2000, continuing to the date of the CCH.

The appellant (carrier) appeals, citing evidence that would support a conclusion different than that reached by the hearing officer and generally reasserts the arguments made to the hearing officer. The file does not contain a response from the claimant.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The claimant was employed as a hotel housekeeper when on _____, she slipped and fell with a cleaning cart falling on top of her. The carrier accepted liability for a left hand sprain/strain. The medical evidence was conflicting but even the carrier's required medical examination doctor agrees that the claimant's right shoulder complaints are compatible with her compensable injury.

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 hold 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).

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **AMERICAN ALTERNATIVE INSURANCE CORPORATION** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**PRENTICE-HALL CORPORATION SYSTEM, INC
800 BRAZOS
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701.**

Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Michael B. McShane
Appeals Judge

Margaret L. Turner
Appeals Judge