

APPEAL NO. 022578  
FILED NOVEMBER 22, 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 was held on September 12, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the respondent's (claimant) \_\_\_\_\_, compensable injury includes a lacerated/ruptured flexor profundus tendon in the claimant's right little finger. The appellant (carrier) appeals that determination. There is no response from the claimant contained in our file.

DECISION

Affirmed.

A condition caused by medical treatment for a compensable injury may become part of the compensable injury. Maryland Casualty Company v. Sosa, 425 S.W.2d 871 (Tex. Civ. App.-San Antonio 1968, writ ref'd n.r.e. *per curiam*, 432 S.W.2d 515). The issue of extent of injury involves questions of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. The evidence before the hearing officer was conflicting. The hearing officer did not err in reaching the complained-of determination. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence (Section 410.165(a)) and, as the trier of fact, resolves the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence, including the medical evidence (Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ)). In view of the evidence presented, we cannot conclude that the hearing officer's determination is 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 (Tex. 1986).

We affirm the decision and order of the hearing officer.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **FAIRMONT INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**BOB KNOWLES  
5205 NORTH O'CONNOR BLVD.  
IRVING, TEXAS 75039.**

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Michael B. McShane  
Appeals Judge  
Manager /Judge

CONCUR:

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Gary L. Kilgore  
Appeals Judge

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Margaret L. Turner  
Appeals Judge