

APPEAL NO. 030246
FILED MARCH 6, 2003

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 January 6, 2003. The hearing officer determined that (1) the appellant (claimant) did not sustain a compensable injury on _____; (2) the claimed injury does not include an injury to the low back consisting of herniated discs at L4-5 and L5-S1; and (3) the claimant did not have disability. The claimant appeals these determinations on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. The respondent (carrier) urges affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in making the complained-of determinations. The injury determinations involved questions of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. 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 determinations are 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). Because the claimant did not sustain a compensable injury, the hearing officer properly concluded that the claimant did not have disability. Section 401.011(16).

The decision and order of the hearing officer are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **a governmental entity self-insured either individually or collectively through the Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**SUPERINTENDENT
(ADDRESS)
(CITY), TEXAS (ZIP CODE).**

Edward Vilano
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge

Roy L. Warren
Appeals Judge