

APPEAL NO. 031187
FILED JUNE 25, 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 April 15, 2003. The hearing officer decided the compensable injury of _____, does not extend to and include severe chondromalacia of the patella, a cruciate collateral ligament rupture, medial and lateral synovial plica and Grade II articular changes along the patella femoral joint; and that the claimant does not have disability from January 15, 2002, through March 17, 2002. The claimant appeals and the respondent (self-insured) responds, urging affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The issues before the hearing officer regarded the extent of the compensable injury and disability. Conflicting evidence was presented regarding the issues. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). As the finder of fact, the hearing officer resolves the conflicts in the evidence and determines what facts have been established from the evidence presented. We have held that the question of the extent of injury is a question of fact for the hearing officer. Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 93613, decided August 24, 1993. The claimant's disability claim is premised upon her extent of injury claim. The hearing officer determined that the claimant did not prove her injury extended to the other problems alleged and that she had no disability during the time period claimed. The hearing officer's decision is supported by sufficient evidence and is not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong and unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986); In re King's Estate, 150 Tex. 662, 244 S.W.2d 660 (1951).

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **STATE OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT (a self-insured governmental entity)** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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