

APPEAL NO. 040010
FILED FEBRUARY 17, 2004

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 December 11, 2003. The hearing officer determined that the appellant's (claimant) date of maximum medical improvement (MMI) is June 18, 2002, and that her impairment rating (IR) is 10% as certified by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission-selected designated doctor. Claimant appealed on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. Respondent (self-insured) responded, urging affirmance.

DECISION

We affirm.

Claimant contends that the hearing officer erred in making the MMI and IR determinations in this case. The hearing officer did not err in giving presumptive weight to the designated doctor's report, and in determining the claimant's MMI date and IR in accordance with that report. The hearing officer reviewed the record and decided what facts were established. We have considered the issues raised on appeal and we conclude that the hearing officer did not err in giving presumptive weight to the report of the designated doctor.

We affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

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

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

Judy L. S. Barnes
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Gary L. Kilgore
Appeals Judge

Michael B. McShane
Appeals Panel
Manager/Judge