

APPEAL NO. 041607  
FILED AUGUST 26, 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 May 26, 2004. The hearing officer determined that the compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, does not extend to include a right inguinal hernia. The appellant (claimant) appeals this determination on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. No response was filed.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that the compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, does not extend to include a right inguinal hernia. This determination involved a question 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 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, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The decision and order of the hearing officer is affirmed.

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

**LEO MALO  
12222 MERIT DRIVE, SUITE 700  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75251.**

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Edward Vilano  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Daniel R. Barry  
Appeals Judge

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Robert W. Potts  
Appeals Judge