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1	IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
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3	KIMBERLY KLINE, Supreme Courte Normal Filed Appellant Supreme Courte Normal Filed Jan 19 2022 02:40 p.m.
5	Appellant, VS. Appellant, Clerk of Supreme Court
6	CITY OF RENO; CANNON COCHRAN
7	MANAGEMENT SERVICES, "CCMSI";) the STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT)
8	OF ADMINISTRATION, HEARINGS DIVISION, an Agency of the State of Nevada; the STATE OF NEVADA OF ADMINISTRATION, HEARINGS OF ADMINIS
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11	State of Nevada; MICHELLE) MORGANDO., ESO., Sr. Appeals Officer:
12	APPEALS DIVISION, an Agency of the State of Nevada; MICHELLE MORGANDO,, ESQ., Sr. Appeals Officer; RAJINDER NIELSEN, ESQ., Appeals Officer; ATTORNEY GENERAL AARON
13	FORD, ESQ.,
14	Respondents.
15	Injured Worker Appellant's Appeal of the
16	Second Judicial District Court,
17	The Honorable Connie Steinheimer's Order
18	of the Appeals Officer's Decision of the Department of Administration
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AFFIRMATION
Pursuant to NRS 239B.030
The undersigned does hereby certify that the preceding documents,
APPELLANT'S APPENDIX VOLUMES I - IX, filed in Supreme Court case
number 82608, do not contain the social security number of any person.
DATED this day of January, 2022.
THE LAW FIRM OF HERB SANTOS, JR. 225 South Arlington Avenue, Suite C Reno, Nevada 89501
By
HERB SANTOS, JR., Esq. Attorney for Petitioner



Patient: KIMBERLY KLINE

DoB: 10/07/1979

Sex: F

Provider: Dr. Scott Hall, MD

Visit: 07/14/2015 10:45AM

Chart: KLKI000001

Lumbar exam -mild tenderness to palpation across the lumbosacral junction bilaterally, normal strength and sensation, normal reflexes in both legs

Assessment:

Туре	Code	Description
ICD-9-CM Condition	847.0	SPRAIN OF NECK
ICD-9-CM Condition	847.2	SPRAIN LUMBAR REGION

Plan:

Imaging: Imaging reviewed and discussed with pt, images reviewed with pt.

Physical therapy, Evaluate and Treat - 6 visits

Education: Patient informed about treatment plan and instructions

Work status: Full duty Return visit: 2,week(s)

Treatment plan: Conservative treatment

Patient continues to have back and neck, minimal improvement with chiropractic care, recommendation to try physical therapy, records reviewed and discussed with the patient from her orthopedic evaluation prior to the work injury

Туре	Code	Modifiers	Quantity	Description
CPT	99214	<u></u>	1.00 UN	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT EST

***RETURN TO WORK:

RETURN TO WORK FOR: KIMBERLY KLINE DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 07/14/2015 10:45AM BODY PART: BACK2 WEEK FOLLOW UP

EMPLOYER: CITY OF RENO

Date of injury:06/3/2015

It is the injured worker's responsibility to inform the employer of current work status.

CURRENT RESTRICTIONS: Full duty without restrictions

CONDITION STABLE? NO CONDITION RATABLE: NO

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E-signed by Dr. Scott Hall, MD on 07/14/2015 11:08AM

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Patient: KIMBERLY KLINE Provider: Dr. Scott Hall, MD DoB: 10/07/1979

Visit: 07/14/2015 10:45AM

Sex: F

Chart: KLKI000001

RETURN VISIT: 2 weeks SIGNED: Scott Hall, MD



TO:

Kimberly Kline 305 Puma Drive

Washoe Valley, NV 89704

Re: Claim No:

15853E839641

Employer:

City of Reno City of Reno

Insurer: TPA:

CCMSI

Date of Injury:

6/25/2015

Date of Notice:

7/23/2015

Accepted Body Part:

Cervical Strain

NOTICE OF CLAIM ACCEPTANCE (Pursuant to NRS 616C.065)

Dear Ms. Kline:

Cc: File, City of Reno, Specialty Health

The above referenced claim has been accepted on your behalf by CCMSI. Please be advised the diagnosed lumbar strain will not be covered under this claim as you are currently treating under claim number 15853E818001. Please check the information contained in this notice. If you find any of the information to be incorrect, please promptly notify this office.

If you disagree with the above determination you do have the right to appeal by requesting a hearing before a hearing officer by completing the bottom portion of this notice and sending it to the State of Nevada, Department of Administration, Hearings Division. Your appeal must be filed within seventy (70) days after the date on which the notice of this determination was bailed

Department of Administration Hearing Division 1050 E. William Street, Ste.400 Carson City, NV 89710 (775) 687-5966

OR

Department of Administration

Hearings Division

2200 S. Rancho Drive, Suite 210

Las Vegas, NV 89102

(702) 486-2525

Very truly yours,

Yesenia Martinez

Medical Only Claim Representative

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INITIAL EVALUATION/PLAN OF CARE For oulpatient rehabilitation

NAME: Kimbariy Kine

DOB: 10/07/79

REFERRING PHYSICIAN: SCOIL Hall, M.D.

THERAPIST: Mark Bruesewitz, P.T.

START OF CARE DATE: 08/05/16

DATE OF ONSET: 06/03/15

TYPE OF THERAPY: .Physical Therapy

History: Patient to a 35-year-old female who complains of low back pain with limited mobility along with neck pain and tightness and daily headaches. Patient was represented while driving at work on 06/03/15. Patient had some chiopractic treatments for her low back pain, but the pain continued. Patient was then rear-ended a second time on 08/25/15 causing increased low back pain and increased neck pain and tightness. Patient want to the emergency room and x-rayawere negative. Patient currently complains of back pain that averages 4-5/10 and neck pain that everages 2/10. Current functional limitations include the low back occasionally locking up with prolonged positioning and with banding over ectivities, increased low back pain with walking greater than 6-10 minutes, increased low back and neck pain when dilling and driving for 60 minutes at a lime, trouble looking around while driving because of nack pain and inability to lift snything from the ground because of low back pain. Pallent works as a parking enforcement officer for the City of Reno and works 10-hour ehifte.

Palient Problems:

Pellent presente with slightly rounded shoulder posture. Standing posture was good with normal lumbar lordesis, Petlent demonstrated good heel-toe gait pattern.

2. AROM: Lumbar AROM: Flexion was fingers-to-toes with a "catch and pain" at 30°-40° when going down and coming back up, extension 30° with pain, and side bending was lingers to knee joint line without pain. Cervical AROM: Flexion 50°, extension 50°, right rotation 65° with tightness, left rotation 70°, right side bending 35°, left side banding

3. Palpation: There was tendemess and tightness noted over the right cervical paraspinals, suboccipitals, right scalenes and right upper trapezius. There was tenderness over the L3-S1 paraspinate. There was lightness in bilateral

illopsous. Pelvic asymmetry was noted with a posterior rotation of the left innominate.

4. Bliateral hip weakness (4/5). Bilateral knee and ankle errength was 5/5. Bilateral upper extremity strength was 5/5. 5. Passive etraight leg raise was negative. Seated Slump test was negative. Patient denies any numbness or lingling in

extremities. Spuiling's test was negative.

Back Index score was 52% (normal was 0%). Neck Index ecore was 24% (normal was 0%).

Lumbosecral strein/eprain with pain and decreased ROM.

Cervical strain/sprain with pain.

Plan of Treatment: Modelities for pain control, stretching exercises, posture readucation, manual therapy techniques to decrease pain, therapsulo exercises and therapsulic activity for strengthening, neuromuscular reeducation for core etabilization exercises and home exercise program development.

Shortiern gools: (2 weeks),

1. Pallent will begin a daily stretching program for home. Patient will tolerate 70-15 minutes of treadmill to increase endurance.

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Long term neals: (4-6 weeks) 1. Decrease Back Index acore to < 30%. 2. Decrease Neck Index score to < 15%, 3. Patient will be eble to walk at least 30 minutes in the commute. Patient will be independent with home exercise program by	unity without increased low back pain. discharge:
Goals discussed with patient? Yes.	Patient informed of Diagnostal Progrossis? Yes,
Rehabilization potential is: Good.	Frequency/Duration: 2x/week for 8 weeks.
I certify the need for these services furnished under this plan of The above plan of care is herein established and will be review.	care effective the plan care dete aforementloned above. ad every 30 days.
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Referring Physician signature: Short	8/11/14 Date:

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Patient: KIMBERLY KLINE

DoB: 10/07/1979

Sex: F

Provider: Dr. Scott Hall, MD

Visit: 08/20/2015 9:15AM

Chart: KLK1000001

Chief Complaint: CERVICAL STRAIN

History of Present Illness:

Disclaimer: Parts of this note may have been dictated by speech recognition. Minor errors in transcription may be present.

KIMBERLY KLINE is a 35 female who presents for : CERVICAL STRAIN.

Patient notes improvement in her neck symptoms and describes only mild muscular tightness currently. She reports no arm symptoms. Physical therapy has been helpful and continues.

Medications & Allergies:

Allergy	Reaction
No Known Drug Allergies (NKDA)	N/A

Physical Exam:

Height	Weight	вмі	Blood Pressure	Pulse	Oxygen Saturation	Pain	Smoking Status
67.00 in	155,00 lbs	24.30	116/64	72 bpm	97.00 %	3/10	Never smoker

CONST: well-appearing, NAD EYES: EOMI, normal conjunctiva EARS: grossly normal hearing RESP: normal respiratory effort MS: normal gait and station

SKIN: no observed rash/erythema/jaundice

PSYCH: euthymic mood, reactive affect, AO x 3, intact memory, good judgment and insight

MSK: Neck exam - normal inspection, mild muscular tenderness to palpation over the trapezius, full motion

with grossly normal strength and sensation in the arms

Assessment:

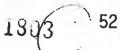
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E-signed by Dr. Scott Half, MD on 08/20/2015 10:25AM

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By SHMCO at 1:47 pm, Aug 20, 2015





Patient: KIMBERLY KLINE

DoB: 10/07/1979

Sex: F

Provider: Dr. Scott Hall, MD

Visit: 08/20/2015 9:15AM

Chart: KLKI000001

Plan:

Education: Patient agreeable to treatment plan and instructions

Work status: Full duty, MMI

Return visit: Pt to call with questions/problems

Treatment plan: Supportive treatment with recheck if not better

I believe she has done very well with physical therapy and recommend she simply complete her currently approved therapy for her neck, we will monitor her and I have asked her to let me know how her neck does and notify me if there are significant issues.

Туре	Code	2.5	Quantity	Description
CPT	99213	_	1.00 UN	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT EST

***RETURN TO WORK:

RETURN TO WORK FOR: KIMBERLY KLINE DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 08/20/2015 09:15AM

BODY PART: CERVICAL STRAIN EMPLOYER: CITY OF RENO

Date of injury:06/3/2015

It is the injured worker's responsibility to inform the employer of current work status.

CURRENT RESTRICTIONS: Full duty without restrictions

CONDITION STABLE? YES CONDITION RATABLE: NO

RETURN VISIT: MMI SIGNED: Scott Hall, MD

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UPDATED PLAN OF CARE For outpatient rehabilitation

PATIENT NAME: Kimberly Kline

DDB: 10/07/79

REFERRING PHYSICIAN: 'SCOTT-Hall, M.D.

THERAPIST: Mark Bruesewilz, P.T.

DIAGNOSES: 1. Lumbosacral alrain/sprain with pain and decreased ROM.

2 Cervical strain/sprain with pain.

DATE OF ONSET: 08/03/16 START OF CARE DATE: 08/05/15 TOTAL VISITS: 6 of 8 approved

DATE OF REEVALUATION: 08/25/15 RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL VISITS: 12

Evaluation of Progress: Patient reports of steady improvement over the last few weeks. She reports the pain in the had and low back is less consistent and it is not as intense as before. The neck lightness still comes and goes depending on her activities. She still complains of pain and pressure across the low back. She has no pain going down the legs. She occasionally has trouble sleeping at night because she is unable to get comfortable. She has been able to look around befor white driving, but still has lightness at and range of cervical rotation.

Patient Problems/Statue;

1. Patient is becoming more aware of utilizing proper posture throughout the day.

improving lumbar AROM: Flexion was fingers-to-loss with a "catch" at 80° when going into flexion, extension 35° with mild pain and side bending was lingurs to knee joint line wilhout pain.

Improving cervical AROM. Flexion 65° (was 60°), extension 85° (was 50°), right rotation 75° with hightness at end range (was 65°), left rotation 75° with hightness at range (was 70°), the right elde bending 35° and left side bending 35°. Palpation: There was tenderness and lightness noted in the suboccipitals and bilateful upper trapszius. There was tenderness and gluteals. Polyic asymmetry was noted with a posterior rotation of the left innominals. Bilateful hip weakness (4+/5). Bilateral knee and ankle strength was 5/5. Bilateral upper extremity alrength was 5/6.

Back index score improved to 38% (score was 52% at initial evaluation).

Neck Index score remained about the same at 28%.

Were previous goals mat? Patient met short-term goals and made good progress toward the long-term goals.

Undated plan of treatment: Modalities as needed for pain control, low back and neck stretching exercises, manual therapy techniques to decrease pain and improve mobility, progressive therapeutic exercise and therapeutic activity to increase strength, neuromuscular readucation for spinal stabilization exercises, and home exercise program development.

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Decrease Back Index score to < 26% by discharge. Decrease Nock Index score to \$15% by discharge.

Patient will be able to forward bond during ADLs without back pain.

Patient will be able to drive the work vehicle throughout the day without increased pain.

Patient will be independent with home exercise program by discharge

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Goels discussed with patient? Yes.

Rehabilitation potential is: Good,

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Frequency/Duration: 2x/week for 8 weeks:

CCMSI - RENO

I have reviewed this plan of care and recertlify a continuing need for services and the patient is under my care. The above updated plan of care is herein established and will be reviewed every 30 days.

Therapial signature: _

Referring Physician's signature;

Date:

T: rsdml.com/GV/MV

DSPARKS LOCATION - 1450 E. Prater Way, Suite 103 - Sperks, NV 89434 - T: 776.331.1198 - F: 776.331.1160 DNORTHWEST RENO 1810 Robb Drive, Ste. D5 - Reno, NV 89523 - T: 775.748,9222 - F: 776.748,9224 2) SOUTH RENG · 11331 South Virginia, Suite 3 · Reno, NV 89511 · T: 775.853,9966 · F: 775.853,9969

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To:

Kimberly Kline 305 Puma Dr. Washoe Valley, NV 89704 RE: Claim No: 15853E839641

Employer: City of Reno Insurer: City of Reno TPA: CCMSI

Date of Injury: 6/25/2015
Date of Notice: 8/27/2015

From: Yesenia Martinez, Medical Only Claims Representative

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CLOSE CLAIM (Pursuant to NRS 616C,235)

After careful and thorough review of your workers' compensation claim, it has been determined that all benefits have been paid and your claim will be closed effective seventy (70) days from the date of this notice.

Your file reflects that you are not presently undergoing any medical treatment; however, if you are scheduled for future medical appointments please advise us immediately. You are not being scheduled for a disability evaluation because your doctor has indicated that you do not have a ratable impairment as a result of your above-referenced claim.

Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 616C.390 defines your right to reopen your claim. You must make a written request for reopening and your doctor must submit a report relating your problem to the original industrial injury. The report must state that your condition has worsened since the time of claim closure and that the condition requires additional medical care. Reopening is not effective prior to the date of your request for ropening unless good cause is shown. Upon such showing by your doctor, the cost of emergency treatment shall be allowed.

ryou disagree with the above determination, you do have the right to appeal. If your appeal concerns "accident benefits" (medical treatment or supplies) and your insurer has contracted with an organization for managed care, complete the bottom portion of this notice and send it to your insurer no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of this notice.

If your appeal concerns "compensation benefits," or if no organization for managed care is involved in your claim, complete the bottom portion of this notice and send it to the State of Nevada, Department of Administration, Hearings Division. Your appeal must be filed within seventy (70) days after the date on which the notice of the insurer's final determination was mailed.

Department of Administration Hearings Division 1050 E. William Street, Ste. 400 Carson City, NV 89710 (775) 687-5966 OR

Department of Administration Hearings Division 2200 S Rancho Drive, Suite 210 Las Végas, NV 89102 (702) 486-2525

Reason for appeal:			
Signature Retain a copy of this notice for your records. cc: File, City of Reno, SMRMC, Specialty Health	Date	*	
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Patient: KIMBERLY KLINE

DoB: 10/07/1979

Sex: F

Provider: Dr. Scott Hall, MD

Visit: 09/23/2015 8:45AM

Chart: KLKI000001

Chief Complaint: NECK CLAIM

History of Present Illness:

Disclaimer: Parts of this note may have been dictated by speech recognition. Minor errors in transcription may be present.

KIMBERLY KLINE is a 35 female who presents for : NECK CLAIM .

Patient reports improving neck discomfort, rated 3/10, central without radiation, improving with conservative care including physical therapy and occasional muscle relaxants, no associated symptoms.

Medications & Allergies:

Allergy	Reaction	
No Known Drug Allergies (NKDA)	N/A	

Physical Exam:

Height	Weight	вмі	Blood Pressure	Pulse	Respiratory Rate	Oxygen Saturation	Pain	Smoking Status
67.00 in	155.00 lbs	24.30	100/70	86 bpm	14 rpm	98.00 %	3/10	Never smoker

CONST: well-appearing, NAD EYES: EOMI, normal conjunctiva EARS: grossly normal hearing RESP: normal respiratory effort MS: normal gait and station

SKIN: no observed rash/erythema/jaundice

PSYCH: euthymic mood, reactive affect, AO x 3, intact memory, good judgment and insight

MSK: Neck exam - normal inspection, minimal muscular tenderness to palpation, full motion, normal strength

and sensation in both arms

Assessment:

Туре	Code	Description
ICD-9-CM Condition	847.0	SPRAIN OF NECK

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By SHMCO at 3:06 pm, Sep 23, 2015





Patient: KIMBERLY KLINE

Provider: Dr. Scott Hall, MD

DoB: 10/07/1979

Visit: 09/23/2015 8:45AM

Sex: F

Chart: KLK1000001

Plan:

Referral: Physical therapy, Evaluate and Treat - 6 visits

Work status: Full duty Return visit: 2,week(s)

Treatment plan: Conservative treatment

Туре	Code	Modifiers	Quantity	Description
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***RETURN TO WORK:

RETURN TO WORK FOR: KIMBERLY KLINE DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 09/23/2015 08:45AM

BODY PART: NECK CLAIM EMPLOYER: CITY OF RENO

Date of injury:06/03/2015

It is the injured worker's responsibility to inform the employer of current work status.

CURRENT RESTRICTIONS: Full duty without restrictions

CONDITION STABLE? NO CONDITION RATABLE: NO

RETURN VISIT: 2 weeks SIGNED: Scott Hall, MD

REFERRAL SHEET 2:

Referral from:

SpecialtyHealth, 330 E. Liberty st. #100, Reno, NV 89501

Ph # (775) 398-3630, Fax # (775) 322-2663

Patient name: KIMBERLY KLINE Home phone #: 775-815-5790

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Referral from: Dr. Scott Hall, MD

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734 S. Meadows Pkwy. Ste. 101 Reno, NV 89521 TEL: (775) 853-9966

OUR FAX#: (775) 853-9969

Date: October 01, 2015 To: Specialty Health

Fax#: 324-9893

From: Custom Physical Therapy (South)

Pages (including cover sheet): 5

Re: Additional authorization Patient: Kimberly Kline Date of Birth: 10/07/1979

Ins. I.D:#=45853E839641

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Comments:

** We are requesting authorization for (10) additional Physical Therapy treatments for this patient per the attached Updated Plan of Care —

(2 x a week for 5 weeks). All physician referrals, progress notes, and reports are attached for your review. Please feel free to call or fax us with any questions/authorizations.

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<u>UPDATED PLAN OF CARE</u> For outpatient rehabilitation

PATIENT: Kimberly Kline

DOB! 10/07/79

REFERRING PHYSICIAN: Scott Hall, M.D.

THERAPIST: Mark Bruesewilz, P.T.

DIAGNOSES: 1. Lumbosaoral strain/sprain with pain and decreased ROM.

2. Cervical strain/sprain with pain.

DATE OF ONSET: 08/03/16

START OF CARE DATE: 08/05/15 TOTAL VISITS: 12

DATE OF REEVALUATION: 09/29/15 RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL VISITS: 10

Evaluation of Progress: Patient reports of good improvement in her low back pain. Low back pain has decreased to an intermittent basis with APS scale 0-1/10. She reports of decreasing pain in the low back along with improving lumbar mobility. She still gets a mild catch in the low-back when coming up from a forward flexed position. She still has mild difficulty and mild low back pain when trying to stand and get her pants on. Patient states that her nack pain was improving until her flare-up approximately 1-1/2 weeks ago. Patient is not sure of what happened; but she began to have increased pain, dightness and spasms in the right neck and upper trapezius area. She had significant tightness with decreased tight rotation of the neck for about a week and then symptoms have slowly improved. She continues to report of tightness and pain in the posterior shoulder, upper trapezius region and right neck that limit her neck mobility. She has difficulty lying on her sides because of neck pain and thus has disturbed sleep. Patient has difficulty turning her head to the right to look around white driving or look behind her when backing her car up at work. Neck pain averages 5/10 now (pain was 7-9/10 during the flare-up).

Patient Problems/Starus:

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2. Improving lumbar AROM: Flexion was fingers-to-the floor with a mild catch in the low back on the way back up, extension 45° and side bending was fingers-to-knee joint line.

3. Limited cervical AROM: Flexion-65° with mild pinch on the right, extension 60°, right rotation 60° with pinching pain in the right neok and upper trapezius area, left rotation 75°, right side bending 45° and left side banding with tightness in the right upper trapezius.

4. Palpation: There was lenderness and lightness noted in the right suboccipitals, C6-C7 paraspinals, right scalenes, right upper trapezius, and right levator scapula. Fallent had no tenderness around the low back

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Back Index score was 32% (score was 52% at initial evaluation).

Neck Index score remained at 28%.

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- 2. Decrease Neck Index score to < 16% by discharge.
- 3. Patient will be able to look to the right when driving without neck pain.
- 4. Petlent will be able to sleep for 4-6 hours without increase neck pain.
- 6. Patient will be independent with home exercise program by discharge.

Goals discussed with patient? Yes.

Rehabilitation potential is: Good.

Frequency/Duration: 2x/week for 5 weeks.

I have reviewed this plan of care and recertify a continuing need for services and the patient is under my care. The above updated plan of care is herein established and will be reviewed every 30 days.

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<u>UPDATED PLAN OF CARE</u> For outpatient rehabilitation

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THERAPIST: Mark Bruesewitz, P.T.

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October 1, 2015

Kimberly Kline 305 Puma Dr. Washoe Valley, NV 89704

Re:

Claim No.:

15853E839641

D.O.I.:

06/25/2015

Employer:

City of Reno

Dear Ms. Kline:

We are in receipt of further medical reporting from your physician that indicates you require additional medical treatment for your industrial injury. This letter serves to rescind the previously issued closure notice. Your claim will remain open until such time as your physician discharges you from care.

If you disagree with this determination, you have the right to request a hearing by completing the bottom portion of the enclosed Request for Hearing form, and sending it to the State of Nevada, Department of Administration, Hearings Division, Carson City address, within seventy (70) days from the date of this letter.

If you have questions or wish to discuss this case further, please contact me at the number noted below at extension 1013.

Sincerely,

Yeşenia Martinez

Medical Only Claims Representative

CCMSI - Reno, Nevada

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City of Reno Specialty Health



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March 24, 2016

Kimberly Kline 305 Puma Dr. Washoe Valley, NV 89704

RE:

Claimant:

Kimberly Kline

Claim No:

15853E839641

Injury Date:

6/25/2015

Employer:

City of Reno

Dear Ms. Kline:

In compliance with the Hearing Officer's decision #55487-JL; CCMSI provided Dr. Hall with a copy of the MRI results and questioned him regarding your claim. After careful and thorough review of your workers' compensation claim, it has been determined that all benefits have been paid and your claim will remain closed.

You are not being scheduled for a disability evaluation because Dr. Hall indicated that you do not have a ratable impairment as a result of your above-referenced claim.

If you do not agree with this determination, you have the right to request a hearing regarding the matter. If this is your intention, please complete the enclosed "Request for Hearing" form and return it, along with a copy of this letter, to the Department of Administration, Hearing Division, Carson City, NV within seventy (70) days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter, please contact our office at (775) 324-3301x1029.

Sincerely,

Claim Representative

cc:

File, City of Reno

STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION HEARINGS DIVISION

In the matter of the Contested Industrial Insurance Claim of:

KIMBERLY KLINE 305 PUMA DR WASHOE VALLEY, NV 89704 Hearing Number: 56373-JL Claim Number: 15853E83964

CITY OF RENO ATTN ANDRENA ARREYGUE PO BOX 1900 RENO, NV 89505

BEFORE THE HEARING OFFICER

The Claimant's request for Hearing was filed on April 6, 2016 and a Hearing was scheduled for May 3, 2016. The Hearing was held on May 3, 2016, in accordance with Chapters 616 and 617 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

The Claimant and her attorney, Herbert Santos, Jr., were present by telephone conference call. The Employer was not present. The Insurer was represented by Lisa Jones of CCMSI, by telephone conference call.

ISSUE

The Claimant appealed the Insurer's determination dated March 24, 2016. The issue before the Hearing Officer is claim closure without a permanent partial disability (PPD)

DECISION AND ORDER

The determination of the Insurer is hereby AFFIRMED.

On March 24, 2016, the Insurer noticed the Claimant that her claim would remain closed and she would not be scheduled for a PPD evaluation, the instant appeal. Pursuant to Decision and Order Number 55487-JL, the Insurer was instructed to provide Dr. Hall with the MRI results and question him regarding the need for further medical treatment, claim closure, PPD, etc. On March 16, 2016, Dr. Hall responded and stated he found no objective evidence connecting the significant MRI findings and the industrial injury. As such, the Hearing Officer finds the Insurer's determination is proper.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to NRS 616C.345(1), should any party desire to appeal this final Decision and Order of the Hearing Officer, a request for appeal must be filed with the Appeals Officer within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision by the Hearing Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 6th day of May, 2016.

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Jason Luis, Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned, an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Administration, Hearings Division, does hereby certify that on the date shown below, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **DECISION AND ORDER** was deposited into the State of Nevada Interdepartmental mail system, **OR** with the State of Nevada mail system for mailing via United States Postal Service, **OR** placed in the appropriate addressee runner file at the Department of Administration, Hearings Division, 1050 E. Williams Street, Suite 400, Carson City, Nevada, to the following:

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Dated this 6th day of May, 2016.

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Kimberly Kline

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75 Pringle Way Suite

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Chief Complaint:

1. Neck pain and stiffness.2. Left arm numbness and pain.

History of Present Iliness:

1. Neck pain and stiffness.2. Left arm numbness and pain.: Referring Physician: Jeffrey Muir, M.D.

Dear Jeff,

I had the pleasure of reviewing your patient, Kimberly Kline, a very nice 36-year-old woman for assessment of cervical radiculopathy.

Kimberly Kline is a very nice 36-year-old woman. She relates that she has had back and cervical issues in the past, mainly back, but these were quite manageable, but she was involved in an accident in her work in June 2015. There were actually 2 accidents, she was rear-ended. She was taken to the emergency room. Initially, she had neck pain and tightness in her neck. She was commenced on medication. She was commenced on physical therapy. She also had chiropractic. In January of this

year, she started developing severe left arm pain. The pain has somewhat settled but she still has numbness and aching in the arm. She had an epidural, this did not really help her. When I saw her today, she has neck pain and stiffness. She has a pressure feeling in the neck. She rates this as a 5/10. She has aching in the left arm again it is 5/10. She maps out numbness and aching in the forearm down to the thumb in the C6 distribution. Her right arm is okay. She feels she has plateaued. She has done extensive physical therapy. She has never had arm symptoms before these ______ injections.

Medical History:

Notes: Past Medical History:

- 1. Ankle sprain with surgery in 2013.
- 2. Cholecystectomy in 2010.

Social History: She is divorced. She is in the parking enforcement. She lives with her parents. She has 2 children, age 5 and 8. She does not smoke or consume alcohol.

Family History: Positive for arthritis in the family, cancer and diabetes in the mother.

Social History:

Smoking Status: Never smoker (4)

Allergies:

No Known Drug Allergies

Medications:

Prozac 40 mg capsule, 1 Select Frequency prescribed by Lali Sekhon on 07-05-2016

Review of Systems:

The patient completed a review of 16 symptoms and a pain diagram. This was reviewed at the time of initial consultation. Any pertinent positives have been included in the HPI, otherwise they were scanned into the medical record at that time. The patient's medications were reviewed at the time of the visit, also the patient's smoking status and BMI was reviewed with the patient. If the patient smoked or BMI was outside normal limits, the patient was encouraged to discuss with PCP treatment for this including options such as bariatric surgery.

Vitals and Body measurements:

Ht: 5'7"

Wt: 181.0 lbs

BMI: 28.3

Pulse: 59

RR: 16

BP: 117/71

Pain: 4 🔞

Physical Examinations:

- 1) Vital signs review- BP/Pulse/temp/RR
- 2) Well nourished and normally developed
- 3) Patient is oriented to time, place person. Cranial nerves II-XII were assessed.
- 4) No varicosities or edema
- 5) Normal gait and station
- 6) Coordination is normal in all 4 extremities. Tandem gait and Romberg's tested.
- 7) Muscle strength and tone were examined in both UE/LE
- 8) Sensation is was tested to pinprick and light touch in UE/LE
- 9) Deep tendon reflexes tested in UE/LE. Hoffman's and Babinski tested.
- Mood and affect assessed
- 11) No cervical lymph nodes palpable

CERVICAL

- 12) Neck, shoulders and low back have normal range of motion with no scars. Palpated for tenderness.
- 13) Arms have normal range of motion with no scars

LUMBAR

- 14) Neck, hips and low back have normal range of motion and no scars. Palpated for tenderness.
- 15) Legs normal hip rotation and negative SLR and no scars

All the above systems and subsystems were examined and NORMAL except for findings described below:

She had a reduced range of motion of the cervical spine. She has numbness of the left forearm in the C6 distribution. On physical examination, she had 4/5 weakness in external rotators on the left, biceps and triceps on the left.

She had depressed reflexes in the left upper extremity.

Diagnostic Studies:

I independently reviewed and assessed the imaging. I also reviewed all imaging reports.

On her plain x-rays and MRI scan, she has loss of cervical lordosis. She has severe cord compression in the left greater than right at C5-6 and C6-7. She has a mobile C4-5 spondylolisthesis with moderate stenosis.

She had an MRI scan of the lumbar spine as well. This showed a desiccation of the L3-4, L4-5 and L5-S1 disk with mild lateral recess stenosis at L3-4 and L4-5.

Assessment:

Active:

Body mass index (BMI) 28.0-28.9, adult (ICD10:Z68.28)

Cervicalgia (ICD9:723.1, ICD10:M54.2)

Spinal stenosis, cervical region (ICD9:723.0, ICD10:M48.02)

Other spondylosis, cervical region (ICD9:721.0, ICD10:M47.892)

Impression / Plan:

Impression:

- 1. Cervical spondylosis, C4-5, C5-6 and C6-7 with cord compression C5-6 and C6-7.
- 2. Mobile spondylolisthesis at C4-5.
- 3. Failed conservative therapy.
- 4. Minimai spondylosis, L3-4, L4-5 and L5-S1.

Kimberly has a cord compression and weakness. I think it is reasonable to offer her surgery.

She states that she never had these arm symptoms before these _____ accidents and although she may have had preexisting spondylosis, the accident has probably exacerbated her underlying stenosis.

offered her C4-5, C5-6 and C6-7 anterior cervical decompression and instrumented fusion.

The procedure would entail anterior cervical diskectomy(ies) (with partial adjacent corpectomies) with fusion using PEEK cages, bone graft substitute and anterior plating with screws. I discussed the surgical procedure, goals alternatives, risks and potential complications in detail. Risks of a general anaesthetic include but are not limited to death, cardiorespiratory compromise, MI, DVT, PE and potential anaesthetic related problems to be discussed with anaesthesiology preoperatively. Risk of spinal cord or nerve root injury, swallowing and voice difficulty, loss of motion, recurrent laryngeal nerve injury-transient or permanent, esophageal injury, Horner's syndrome, CSF leak, infection, hemorrhage, major vessel injury, stroke, non-union hardware failure, swallowing problems, adjacent segment disease etc etc were all discussed in detail and understood by the patient. It was explained the risks of surgery included but was not limited to the preceding list. Discussed no absolute guarantee of success and possible need of further surgery. Discussed regenerating nerve root phenomenon and associated symptoms. I explained that if there is central cervical stenosis and canal compromise, there is a higher risk of cord injury than in a normal population from events such as MVA or falls, if a conservative path is elected. The precise risk is however, not quantifiable. A handout was provided. I used the bone model, imaging and handout literature to assist the patient with their decision making. I have answered all questions to the best of my ability. The use of any "off label" FDA products was discussed. All risks relating to this covered. I explained to the patient we may be using neurophysiological monitoring during the case (EMG/SSEP/MEP). We can put them in touch with our monitoring service, if desired for cost breakdowns etc. I recommended to the patient visit our web site www.sierraneurosurgery.com to further review conservative and surgical treatment options and www.spineuniverse.com for more information. The patient was provided with a copy of their dictation and encouraged to contact me with questions if they did not understand everything.

I explained that because of the degree of stenosis and canal compromise, there is a higher risk of cord injury than in a normal population from events such as MVA or falls, if a conservative path is elected. The precise risk is however, not quantifiable.

Plan: If she desire surgery, we will get a routine preoperative workup.

Sincerely,

Lali Sekhon, MD, PhD, FRACS, FACS, FAANS

Jeffrey Muir, M.D.

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Bryan Hansen, DC 1664 N Virginia St Reno, NV 89521 775-284-4902

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Orders:

Procedures & Treatments:

Comprehensive/High Comp (99245)

Current List of Medications (G8427)

Pain Assessment (G8730)

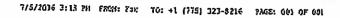
Calculated BMI above the upper parameter and a follow-up plan was documented in the medical

record (G8417)

Associated Files:

Documents: Neck injuries and Disorders (7/5/2016 1:05:05 PM)

Electronically signed by: Sekhon, Lali MD @ 09:42 AM on 7/6/2016





RDC EUREKA 590 Eureka Avenue Reno, NV 89512 Phone (775) 323-5383 Fax: (775) 333-2776

Exam requested by: Lali Sekhon MD 5590 Kleizke Lane Reno Nevada 89511

Patient: Kline, Kimberly Date of Birth: 10-07-1979 Phone: (775) 815-5790 MRN: 407766 Acc: 5158751 Date of Exam: 07-05-2016

XR-Spine Cervical 4 or 5V AP, Lateral, Flexion, Extension (27985) - SPINE_C

CLINICAL INDICATION: Neck pain with left upper extremity radiculopathy for 1 year after MVA.

TECHNIQUE: Four views of the cervical spine were performed.

COMPARISON: None.

FINDINGS:

There is mild grade 1 anterolisthesis of C4 on C5, measuring 2 mm on neutral view. There is sublice anterior subluxation on flexion view, measuring approximately 2 mm, with return to normal alignment on extension view. Mild degenerative disc space narrowing is present at C4-5. Moderate disc space narrowing at C5-6 and C6-7 with small endplate osteophytes. Normal alignment of the facets. No prevertebral soft tissue-swelling. There is no evidence of fracture.

IMPRESSION:

Mild grade 1 anterolisthesis of C4 on C5 demonstrating mild anterior subluxation on flexion view.

2. Vioderate degenerative disc disease at C5-6 and C6-7.

Thank you for referring your patient to RDC EUREKA Electronically Signed by Sekhon, Vijay S MD 07-05-2016 12:39 PM

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Re: Patient: Kimberly Kline

DOI: 6/25/2015

Claim Number: 15853E899641

Dear Dr. Lali Sekhon,

Thank you for your care of this patient. Please advise regarding the patient's anticipated medical discharge, Your response is appreciated and important for our management of the patient's medical care.

- 1. Is this patient stable and at maximum medical improvement pre-injury status?

 Yes No

 No

 2. If no, what is the additional treatment required and the anticipated time frame for reaching maximum medical improvement?
- 3. Is the patient released to full duty? Yes _____ No ____

If no, what are the restrictions?

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Are these restrictions permanent? Yes No

4. is the patient ratable? Yes____No__

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Thank you and please fax this form back to 775-398-3681 as soon as possible. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this case, please do not healtate to contact Carrie, Account Manager at 775-398-3616 or myself.

Sincerely,

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Scott Hall, M.D. Medical Director Specialty Health MCO 330 East Liberty, Suite 200 Renc, NV 89501-2221

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PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY EVALUATION

Claimant: Kimberly Kline Claim#: 15853E839641

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Lisa Jones-Claims Representative

Date of Injury: 06\25\2015

Date of Evaluation: November 10th, 2017

Kimberly Kline presented to my Reno Office for a formal PPD evaluation on Friday, November 10th, 2017 at 8:30 AM. The insurance company approved the evaluation of her cervical spine.

Treatment History

5\11\2015: Brett Men-Muir, MD: She is here for BL lower back pain. This is not work related. She has been complaining of LBP for several months. It was exacerbated last month. It is 8\10 in severity. She takes diclofenac, Zoloft, and ibuprofen. A history of depression. X-rays show L4-5 disc DJD. DX: discogenic back pain. Plan: PT and voltaren.

6\25\2015: Richard Law, MD: Moderate pain in the upper lumbar spine, mid lumbar, and lower lumbar spine; radiates to the right thigh and left thigh. She had similar symptoms recently; had an MRI 1 month ago; hx of herniated disc at L3-4 and L4-5. She has had previous chronic LBP; intervertebral disc disease. Her meds include Zoloft. Exam show tenderness in the lumbar spine. Impression: acute lumbar radiculopathy, lumbar sprain, and acute lumbar pain. Plan: ice, limited activity, flexeril, norco, prednisone, follow up.

06\25\2015: This is a C-4 form that states "I was rear-ended". The claimant was seen at St. Mary's regional Medical Center ER. Her initial DX was acute lumbar sprain; MVA".

6\30\2015: Scott Hall, MD: She presents for her back after a (2nd) MVA on 6\25\15. She now reports: neck pain, lumbar and thoracic pain. Assessment: neck and back sprain. Plan: chiropractic care, full duty work, return in 2 weeks.

7\14\2015: Scott Hall, MD: She continues with neck and back issues. Plan: PT, full duty, conservative treatment.

8\20\2015: Scott Hall, MD: Her neck has improved and she describes only muscular tightness that is mild. She has no arm symptoms; PT has been helpful. Plan: complete her PT and monitor.

8\26\2015: Custom PT: She had a PT re-eval today; 12 more visits are recommended over the

9\23\2015: Scott Hall, MD: She reports improving NP; a 3\10. She is getting PT. 10\28]\2015: Scott Hall, MD: Her neck has improved; no current significant symptoms இடிம் முழ் arm symptoms.

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1\3\2016: MRI of the C-Spine: Impression: Disc degeneration with large protrusions at C5-6 and at C6-7; this results in complete effacement of the CSF from the dorsal and the ventral aspects of the cord with severe canal stenosis without cord compression or abnormal signal intensity to suggest cord edema or myelomalacia.

1\13\2016: Bryan Hansen, MS DC (Leading Edge Chiropractic): She presents with NP with associated weakness and numbness. Her symptoms started 7 days ago, but there is "high likelihood that her symptoms are related to the MVA she recently sustained". She was released from care for that several weeks ago. Her DX is disc displacement. Plan: cold pack to the neck; spinal decompression; E-stim; laser therapy.

1\14\2016: She reports symptoms of numbness and weakness. She was treated again with cold, decompression table, E-stim, and laser.

1\15\2015: She states NP, numbness, and weakness; same treatment.

01\18\2016: The notes are about the same today.

01\19\2016: Decompression treatment and therapies.

1\20\2016: She continues with chiropractic treatment.

1\21\2016: Nothing new.

1\25\2016: Same notes and treatment.

01\27\1016: A re-exam was done today. Continue treatment plan. There were further chiropractic, traction, and therapy modalities on: 1\28\16, 2\1\16, 2\2\16, 2\5\16, 2\8\16, 2\10\16, 2\12\16, 2\16\16, 2\19\16, 2\24\16, 3\16\2016: She has completed the 20 visits of prescribed treatment; non-surgical spinal decompression to address the C6-7 and C5-6 radiculitis to the left. She has improved greatly and has only mild pain in the left UE. She is to do HEP.

3\16\3016: Scott Hall, MD: There was no evidence of neurologic involvement after the MVA. She responded to conservative care with resolution of her symptoms. The new onset of quite severe symptoms started spontaneously and it is uncertain if there is any relation to the industrial injury. She had sought treatment from an orthopedist prior to the WC injury. All indication are that the claimant had completely recovered from the industrial injury by the end of October, 2015.

4\28\2016: Bryan Hansen, DC: She presents with NP, weakness, and numbness. She is to do HEP.

7\\$\2016: Lali Sekhon, MD: Her CC is NP, stiffness, and left arm numbness and pain. She previously had neck and back issues that were manageable in the past until she was in the car accident in June, 2015. There were actually 2 accidents. She had physical therapy and chiropractic treatments. She had an epidural that really did not help. She rates her NP, HA and pressure feeling in the neck as 5\10 in severity. The left arm symptoms are in a C6 distribution. Her right arm is OK. She feels that she has plateaued. Assessment: cervicalgia, cervical spine stenosis, C4-5 spondylolisthesis, failed conservative therapy, minimal spondylosis at L3-4 to L5-S1. She has cord compression and weakness; Dr. Sekhon thinks that it is reasonable to offer her surgery; the accident probably exacerbated her underlying stenosis. She was offered C4-5 to C6-7 decompression and fusion.

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4\3\2017: Kurt Erickson, PA-C: Dr. Sekhon and I were able to review Kim Kline again today. She has continued with posterior neck pain and pressure. The pain continues to extend down the left arm following a C6 distribution. The left arm symptoms are rated as 9\10. She has trouble sleeping. The intensity is about the same as last July. She has cervical spondylosis with cord pressure at C5-6 and C6-7. She has failed conservative treatment. It is reasonable to offer her surgery. The plan is to repeat C-spine MRI and X-rays.

4\21\2017: C-Spine MRI: Impression: Moderate disc osteophyte complex at C4 through C6 resulting in mass effect upon the ventral spinal cord and moderate to severe central canal stenosis.

C-Spine X-rays: Impression: mild disc narrowing and facet degenerative changes of the lower C-spine; development of retrolisthesis of 2mm, C4 on C5 and 1mm retro of C6 on C7 on extension of the C-spine.

4\25\2017: Lali Sekhon, MD: Her arm is worse. Her options were discussed, she wants surgery.

6\8\2017: Lali Sekhon, MD: She returns for review and all of her questions were answered. She again requests surgery.

6\12\2017: Lali Sekhon, MD: Operative Report: Procedures: C4-5, C5-6, and C6-7 anterior cervical decompression, interbody fusion using interbody cages and bone graft substitute; C4-C7 anterior fixation using a cervical locking plate. The X-ray shows "anterior cervical fusion and placement of disc devices"

6\26\2017: Curt Erickson, PA-C: She still has achiness in her neck; the left arm symptoms have improved. Follow in 4 weeks.

7\26\2017: Curt Erickson, PA-C (For Dr. Sekhon): The X-rays show no instability. She has ongoing numbness in the left hand and forearm; not as bad as before.

8\10\2017: Amanda Cowles, PT (Custom PT): She is having some trouble with ADLs. She can flex to 25 degrees, extend to 20, left bending to 20, right bending to 25, rotation to 60. She had about 7 PT follow ups. On the 9\14\17 visit, Kim could flex to 40, extend to 30, left rotation 55, right rotation 70, left bending 15, right bending to 20.

9\5\2017: Curt Erickson, PA-C: Her symptoms are much improved; there is slight numbness in her left hand; very manageable. She has occasional neck pain. She believes the PT is helping. Cervical spine X-rays today show fusion from C4 to C7 with no evidence of hardware complications.

9\11\2017: Dr. Sekhon fills out a questionnaire from Specialty Health. He says the claimant is stable and reached maximum medical improvement. She is released to full duty. Her restrictions are "common sense". She is ratable.

The above represents all of the medical records that were presented for my review.

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

Prior to this work related injury\accident, Kimberly has previously received some chiropractic care. She tells me that this was mostly for lower back pain. She would get her neck (C-spine)

adjusted sometimes, but denies any significant prior neck pain, disability, or radiation upper Page 4 (Kimberly Kline cont)

extremity symptoms. She was treating in the months before this accident (2015) for LBP that was not work related. Ms. Kline previously used Zoloft for depression. She denies any current prescription medications. She currently takes OTC Advil.

Ms. Kline previously suffered a work-related right wrist injury and right shoulder injury. She did not receive impairment ratings for this. Her surgical history includes an ankle surgery to reattach tendons.

CURRENT SYMPTOMS

Currently, Ms. Kline has a chief complaint of frequent, daily headaches and limited mobility in her neck. She complains particularly of limitations with looking up to either side. She is also complaining of numbness in the left wrist and hand effecting the ring and little fingers in a C6 and or ulnar nerve pattern.

Kim is having some difficulty with looking up to rinse in the shower. When driving, it is difficult for her to look into the back seat or behind her. Her neck seems to get tired quickly when driving and when working on the computer. Her neck gets tired when reading.

Physical Examination

Cervical Spine

Inspection reveals no cervical antalgia. She is in no distress. I observe a surgical scar on the anterior\left cervical region. It measures 7.2 CM.

Palpating the cervical spine soft tissue structures, I find the right splenius to by hypertonic. The right SCM muscle is tight and tender.

Passive motion of the cervical spine is noticeably limited on right rotation. There is a tight end-feel.

Measuring the muscle girth of the forearms, I find the right forearm to be 26.6 CM at the area of greatest circumference. The left forearm measures 25.2 CM.

The claimant performed a brief warm-up of cervical spine motions, after which we measured active ranges of motion using dual inclinometers. The claimant did appear to give her best effort on all ROM measurements.

Cervical Spine Active Ranges of Motion

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Flexion: Calvarium: 1. 48 2. 48 3. 46

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T1: 1. 8 2. 4 3. 8

Max ROM = 48-4= 44 degrees (1% WPI)

Extension: Calvarium: 1. 38 2. 38 3. 38

T1: 1. 8 2. 10 3. 8

Max ROM = 38-8= 30 degrees (3% WPI)

Right Bending: Head: 1. 38 2. 40 3. 44 4. 40

T1: 1. 4 2. 6 3. 6

Max ROM = 44-6= 38 degrees (no impairment)

Left Bending: Calvarium: 1.38 2.36 3.36

T1: 1. 4 2 3. 4

Max ROM = 38-4= 34 degrees (1% WPI)

Right Rotation: 1. 64 2 64 3 62

Max ROM = 64 degrees (1% WPI)

Left Rotation: 1. 56 2. 58 3. 58

Max ROM = 56 degrees (1% PWI)

Whole person impairments from motion loss at various cervical spine motions are added: 1+3+1+1=7% WPI from motion loss in the cervical spine.

l can elicit equal, +2 deep tendon reflexes at Right and Left biceps, brachioradialis, and triceps.

The claimant can demonstrate 5\5 strength, equal bilaterally at shoulder, elbow, wrist, and fingers.

She has some decreased sensibility to light touch over the C6 dermatome on the left. This includes partial loss of 2 point discrimination over the palmar left right and little fingers (2 point sense at 9mm). This is grade 3 sensory loss, 25% sensory deficit of the C6 nerve root (Table 15-15); we multiply this to the maximum upper extremity impairment for sensory loss at C6 (8%, Table 15-17) and we get 2% left upper extremity impairment, 1% WPI.

Impairment Calculation

If we are to use the diagnosis related estimate in this case (due to multi-level involvement and multilevel fusion), then; using Table 15-7, part IV, Ms. Kline has 10% WPI from spinal fusion with residual signs and symptoms. We add 1% for each additional level (2 additional) to get 12% whole person impairment from Specific Spine Disorder

As described above, this claimant has a cumulative total of 7% whole person impairment from motion loss in the cervical spine.

She has 1% WPI for sensory loss coming from the C6 nerve root.

Combining 12% with 7%, we get 18%; this is then combined with 1% to get a total of 19% whole person impairment from the cervical spine.

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Using the DRE method, this claimant would be easily placed in Cervical Spine DRE category IV due to loss of motion segment integrity. This is 25% impairment of the whole person and this method should be used since it results in a higher rating (AMA Guides, 5th Edition, page 380).

MMI AND MEDICAL STABILITY

The claimant has reached a stable plateau of medical improvement. Her condition has not changed over the last 45 days. Her condition is not likely to change significantly over the next 12 months with or without treatment

· She has reached maximum medical improvement.

APPORTIONMENT

The claimant had underlying cervical spine issues that pre-date this work related car accident and injury. Namely, the MRI and radiographic reports show cervical spine degenerative discs with large protrusions at C5-6, C6-7; effacement of the CSF, and severe canal stenosis (MRI of 1\3\2016). It is not logical to believe that these findings are related to the car accident that she was involved in 6 months earlier.

This claimant's 25% whole person impairment is based upon the surgery that was performed. The surgery was performed due to cervical spine spondylosis, stenosis, and cord pressure at C4-5 to C6-7.

75% of this claimant's whole person impairment (cervical spine) is apportioned as non-industrial

25% of her impairment is industrial and related to the work injury that occurred on 6\25\2015 because:

- The claimant had no documented cervical spine injury or pain immediately after the accident (symptoms began 6\30\2015). After that, the cervical strain could be described as slight.
- The findings of cervical spine spondylosis, stenosis, and disc bulges cannot be logically attributable to this car accident\work injury. These findings provided the indication for fusion surgery in the cervical spine.
- The claimant had responded well to physical therapy and medical treatment and had nearly completely resolved her cervical spine complaints prior to December, 2015. She had no upper extremity symptoms at the time of release from care.

On the other hand, the claimant denies any prior upper extremity symptoms (radiculopathy) before this injury. This work injury likely played some role in the onset of symptoms that led to surgery, but was not the primary cause.

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So, apportioning 75% of this claimant's impairment as non-industrial, we take 25% of this claimant's whole person impairment (which was 25% WPI), and we get 6% WPI related to this work injury (that occurred on 6\25\2015).

PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT SUMMARY

The claimant has 25% whole person impairment coming from the cervical spine. Of this, 6% WPI is related to the work related injury that occurred on 6\25\2015.

This is reasonable, should be awarded, and case closure should occur.

Réspectfully,

Russell N. Anderson, DC

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EMPLOYEE'S CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION/REPORT OF INITIAL TREATMENT FORM C-4

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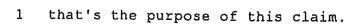
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- 1 have an opportunity to ask you a series of questions.
- 2 I may or may not have questions for you.
- 3 I would ask that you speak clearly towards the
- 4 microphone, clear yes/no type answers, no head nods or
- 5 uh-huhs, and please wait for each question to be asked
- 6 to completion before responding so we avoid a record of
- 7 individuals speaking over one another.
- 8 THE CLAIMANT: Okay.
- 9 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: Also, if at any time
- 10 you are physically demonstrating a mechanism of
- 11 movement or pointing to a body part, include a verbal
- 12 description as well as this is strictly an audio
- 13 recording.
- 14 THE CLAIMANT: Okay.
- APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: Okay? And you'll
- 16 have to speak up a tad.
- 17 THE CLAIMANT: Okay.
- 18 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: All right. Go
- 19 ahead, Mr. Santos.
- MR. SANTOS: Thank you.
- 21
- 22 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 23 BY MR. SANTOS:
- Q Why don't you turn the microphone toward you
- 25 too. There you go.

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- 1
- 1 You were employed by the City of Reno?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And what did you do for those folks?
- 4 A I do parking enforcement.
- 5 Q And how long did you work for them?
- 6 A Eleven years.
- 7 Q And during the course of the 11 years did you
- 8 always work in that capacity or did you have other jobs
- 9 with them?
- 10 A I started in the records department. I've
- 11 been doing the parking enforcement for almost ten
- 12 years.
- 13 Q Are you driving around in one of those little
- 14 meter maid cars?
- 15 A No. I'm in a pickup truck, but I do drive
- 16 pretty much ten hours a day for my job.
- 17 Q Okay. Now, you were involved in an accident
- 18 while working for the City that involved an automobile
- 19 accident; correct?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q It happened twice?
- 22 A Yes. I was rear ended twice.
- Q Let's talk about the first one.
- 24 Do you recall when that was?
- 25 A June 3rd, 2015.

- 1 Q Do you recall where it was?
- 2 A It was on Mill Street eastbound at the freeway
- 3 entrance.
- 4 Q Okay. And did you file a workers' comp claim
- 5 for that accident?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And do you recall what it was that you
- 8 injured?
- 9 A My neck and my lower back.
- 10 Q Okay. Did you also hurt your shoulders?
- 11 A Yes. My shoulders were tight.
- 12 Q Okay. And did you receive medical treatment
- 13 for that?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And did that treatment continue through when?
- 16 A I was undergoing treatment when I got in the
- 17 second accident.
- 18 Q Okay. For the first accident did you continue
- 19 to treat on that claim until a certain point in time
- 20 when it was closed?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q Approximately when did that close?
- 23 A I believe they closed that claim in August. I
- 24 don't recall. Everything kind of got mixed together.
- 25 Q Okay. So you get in this second accident



- When was that?
- 3 A That was June 25th of 2015.
- 4 Q Okay. And where did that occur?
- 5 A I was on Sixth Street heading west at North
- 6 Virginia in Reno.
- 7 Q All right. And can you describe the accident
- 8 itself?
- 9 A Yeah. The traffic was kind of heavy. There
- 10 was an event downtown, and they had Virginia Street
- 11 closed. And so I went through the intersection and
- 12 barely cleared the interaction.
- So out of habit, I looked in my rearview
- 14 mirror and saw the car behind me was actually looking
- 15 at the event, and to my understanding it didn't look
- 16 like he hit his brakes. He just hit the back end of my
- 17 car and we pulled over.
- 18 Q And you were driving the City vehicle at that
- 19 time?
- 20 A Yes. I was driving the City pickup.
- 21 Q And you were working for them at the time?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And did you file a workers' comp claim?
- 24 A Yes.
- Q What were your physical complaints you had





- 1 after that accident?
- 2 A My neck and shoulders and my middle back.
- 3 Q Did your neck hurt more than it did before,
- 4 like the day before? Because you were receiving
- 5 treatment for your neck before?
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q Did it hurt more after this accident?
- 8 A Absolutely, yeah.
- 9 Q How would you describe the intensity of the
- 10 pain?
- 11 A By the time I had gotten seen at the hospital
- 12 everything was just stiff. I could barely move my
- 13 neck. It was just an ongoing pain.
- 14 Q All right. So you presented to the emergency
- 15 room?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And that was on the same day as the accident?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Was the emergency room crowded that day?
- 20 A It wasn't terribly crowded, but it took a
- 21 couple hours to be seen.
- 22 Q All right. Do you recall -- so were you on a
- 23 gurney? Were you just sitting in the waiting room?
- 24 How were you waiting to be seen?
- 25 A I was just sitting in the waiting room.

- 1 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: Mr. Santos, will you
- 2 clarify you're referencing the second incident?
- MR. SANTOS: Yeah, we're talking about --
- 4 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: Okay.
- 5 BY MR. SANTOS:
- 6 Q This is all on June 25th; right?
- 7 A Yes, correct.
- 8 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: Okay. Go ahead.
- 9 BY MR. SANTOS:
- 10 Q And these series of questions will all be
- 11 regarding after this second accident. Okay?
- 12 A Okay.
- 13 Q And so the same area or really close to where
- 14 this accident occurred; correct?
- 15 A Yes, like two blocks.
- 16 Q And you said that you -- what were your
- 17 complaints again when you were at the emergency room?
- 18 A My neck and my shoulders and my middle back
- 19 were hurting.
- Q Okay. Did you complete a C-4 at the time?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And I'd like to --
- MR. SANTOS: If I can approach the witness,
- 24 your Honor.
- 25 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: You may.

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- 1 BY MR. SANTOS:
- 2 I'd like to show you what's marked as
- 3 Exhibit 4, Page 3.
- 4 Can you identify that document as the one that
- 5 you completed?
- 6 Α Yes.
- 7 Is that your handwriting in the top upper Q
- 8 part?
- 9 Α Yes, it is.
- 10 And can you identify what body parts you put
- 11 down as being injured?
- 12 . A My mid back and my neck.
- 13 Q And you completed this on the date of the
- 14 accident; correct?
- 15 Α Correct.
- 16 And as part of the City's process did they
- send an investigator out to talk to you or a 17
- 18 supervisor?
- 19 Α Not then. I talked to my supervisor the next
- 20 day.
- 21 Q Okay. And then did the supervisor ask you --
- 22 or did you complete a C-1?
- 23 Α Yes.
- 24 MR. SANTOS: May I approach again, your Honor.
- 25 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: You may.

- 1 BY MR. SANTOS:
- Q Exhibit 4, Page 5, is that the C-1 that you
- 3 completed?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Is that your handwriting?
- 6 A It is.
- 7 Q Can you tell me what you put down for the part
- 8 that you injured?
- 9 A My neck and my mid lower back.
- 10 Q Okay. And you had an opportunity to talk to
- 11 your supervisor?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And during the course of that discussion with
- 14 the supervisor did he ask you the nature and extent of
- 15 your injury?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And do you recall what you told him?
- 18 A Not specifically. I'm guessing that my neck
- 19 and my back hurt.
- 20 Q Okay. I don't want you to guess or speculate.
- 21 A Okay.
- Q What I'm going to do is I'm going to show you
- 23 what's marked Exhibit 4, Page 6 and 7.
- MR. SANTOS: May I approach.
- 25 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: You may.

- 1 BY MR. SANTOS:
- 2 Q Do you see where your supervisor wrote down
- 3 nature and extent of the injury?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And is that consistent with -- does that
- 6 refresh your recollection as to what you told him?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Okay. It also has a section where there's
- 9 check marks. It says back and neck.
- 10 Did you check that or is that what you told
- 11 him?
- 12 A That's what I told him.
- 13 Q Now, when you went to the emergency room at
- 14 St. Mary's you said your neck was stiff?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And did you complain of neck pain?
- 17 A I did.
- 18 Q Did you complain of low back pain?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And did you tell the doctor about your prior
- 21 accident?
- 22 A I did.
- 23 Q And did you tell him what you were primarily
- 24 being treated for from the prior accident?
- 25 A I did.

- 1 Q And what were you being primarily treated for
- 2 from the first accident?
- 3 A My lower back primarily.
- 4 Q Okay. Do you recall -- do you recall anyone
- 5 physically examining your neck at the emergency room?
- 6 A I don't recall.
- Okay. According to the report it says that
- 8 you didn't have really any complaints in your neck.
- 9 Do you see that in the medical records?
- 10 A I did see that.
- 11 Q Do you agree with that?
- 12 A Absolutely not.
- 13 Q Why?
- 14 A Because I sat there for so long that by the
- 15 time I was seen, I could barely move my neck and I do
- 16 recall that. I don't recall the exact examinations
- 17 that were done, but I know that my neck was a
- 18 complaint.
- 19 Q Okay. Did it seem like they were primarily
- 20 focusing on your low back?
- 21 A They were. They did x-rays of my lower back.
- 22 Q Okay. After you went to the emergency room
- 23 did your employer instruct you to get -- instruct you
- 24 as to where you needed to go for treatment?
- 25 A Yes. He told me I had to go to Specialty





- 1 Health.
- Q Okay. Did you follow their instructions?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And who did you see there?
- 5 A Dr. Hall.
- 6 Q And what did Dr. Hall do for you at that
- 7 appointment?
- 8 A I believe muscle relaxers and pain pills, and
- 9 he said just to let it go for a little bit. I was also
- 10 seeing their chiropractor.
- 11 Q You were seeing them for the first accident?
- 12 A Correct.
- 13 Q Okay. Did you start with the chiropractic
- 14 treatment to start focusing more on your neck after the
- 15 second accident?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And did you complete your course of treatment
- 18 with the chiropractor?
- 19 A Yes and no. It wasn't helping, and I brought
- 20 that to the doctor's attention. Every time I would
- 21 leave there I'd be in more pain, and so he recommended
- 22 that I try physical therapy.
- 23 Q Okay.
- 24 A So my -- I didn't finish all my appointments
- 25 with the chiropractor.

- 1 Q All right. So there was a change of treatment
- 2 protocol?
- 3 A Yes.
- Q And at the -- let's say the first or second
- 5 visit with Dr. Hall did he order any type of diagnostic
- 6 studies?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q During the course of the time you treated with
- 9 Dr. Hall did he order any diagnostic studies, like an
- 10 MRI?
- 11 A No.
- 12 Q Do you recall what your complaints were when
- 13 you saw Dr. Hall that first or second visit, what you
- 14 were complaining of?
- 15 A After the second accident?
- 16 Q Yeah.
- 17 A My neck and my mid back.
- 18 Q Okay. Were you also complaining of your
- 19 shoulders?
- 20 A Yes, my neck and shoulders.
- 21 Q When you first saw Dr. Hall did he provide you
- 22 with any work restrictions?
- 23 A No.
- Q He sent you back to work full duty?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q And did you go back to work full duty?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q How did that go?
- 4 A It was okay. I was sore and tight, but I
- 5 wanted to go back to work. And I told him that if I
- 6 needed to get up and stretch I would, if I needed to
- 7 get out of the car I would do so, and he said as long
- 8 as I was comfortable with it, he would put me back full
- 9 duty.
- 10 Q Okay. So you wanted to continue to work. You
- 11 didn't want to miss work. Fair?
- 12 A Fair enough, yes.
- 13 Q Okay. Then you continued your treatment with
- 14 Dr. Hall; correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And did there come a point in time where
- 17 Dr. Hall -- or where the insurance company tried to
- 18 close your claim?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Had you completed your physical therapy at
- 21 that time?
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q And you were doing physical therapy during
- 24 that time?
- 25 A Correct.

- 1 Q And what happened when you got your claim
- 2 closure notice?
- 3 A I brought it to the physical therapist's
- 4 attention, and he said that that was not correct, that
- 5 he had not asked Dr. Hall to do that, and that I needed
- 6 to speak with Dr. Hall. So I did. And he also said
- 7 that he must have been confused or something, and he
- 8 reopened the claim.
- 9 Q So then you get a letter from the insurance
- 10 company saying that they were rescinding that; correct?
- 11 A Yes, yes.
- 12 Q And did you continue with your physical
- 13 therapy?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q You did physical -- did you do physical
- 16 therapy in August?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Did you do physical therapy in September?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Did you do physical therapy in October?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q During the time you were doing physical
- 23 therapy did you notice any improvement in your
- 24 condition?
- 25 A It would improve I think with the strength in

- 1 my neck, but then I also had times when it would
- 2 regress.
- 3 Q And what do you mean by "regress"?
- 4 A Just wake up in the middle of the week and I
- 5 couldn't move my neck.
- 6 Q All right. And then you would go back to
- 7 physical therapy or would you go see Dr. Hall? What
- 8 would you do?
- 9 A Go back to the physical therapist, and he
- 10 would work more on my neck as he was still treating my
- 11 lower back and my neck.
- 12 Q Okay. I want to bring you to October, the end
- 13 of October of 2015. Your last visit with Dr. Hall that
- 14 I see in the records was October 28, 2015.
- Were you still experiencing pain and
- 16 discomfort at that time?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Was it as bad as it was when you first got
- 19 hurt?
- 20 A No.
- 21 Q There was improvement?
- 22 A There was.
- 23 Q And what were your complaints at that time?
- 24 A My neck would still bother me. My lower back
- 25 had pretty much leveled out, I think, but with

- 1 conversations with the physical therapist, I thought
- 2 that I could maintain it with home exercise.
- 3 Q So, in fact, you spoke with the physical
- 4 therapist after this October 28th visit because I think
- 5 you still had some more physical therapy to complete.
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And what was the plan with the physical
- 8 therapist?
- 9 A He told me that he -- if I was comfortable
- 10 doing home exercises, he would sign off on that and
- 11 tell Dr. Hall that it was okay to release me or he was
- 12 also comfortable with requesting more visits.
- 13 Q Okay.
- 14 A That I could use more physical therapy, but if
- 15 I wanted to do it at home that I could and if anything
- 16 arose to call them and get back in.
- 17 Q So he provided you with a home exercise
- 18 program?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And did you diligently do that home exercise
- 21 program?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And from, say, November up through December
- 24 you were continuing to work full time without
- 25 restrictions?

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q And you were doing your home exercise program?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q How was your back or your neck pain going
- 5 during that period of time?
- 6 A It would fluctuate from the baseline of when I
- 7 stopped doing therapy. It would -- I would have bad
- 8 days and then stretch as much as I could and it would
- 9 recover in a few days, but it wasn't improving from the
- 10 time that I stopped the physical therapy.
- 11 Q So it plateaued. Is that fair?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Okay. And then there came a time that you
- 14 felt you needed to see a doctor?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And when was that?
- 17 A It was January of 2016.
- 18 Q Okay. So about two months later?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q From the time you got released to your home
- 21 exercise program?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And describe what happened on that day.
- 24 A I woke up with a pain generating from my neck
- 25 and then all down my arm. Physically I couldn't move

- 1 my arm it was in so much pain.
- Q Okay. From the June 25th automobile accident
- 3 up until this time had you been involved in any other
- 4 car accidents?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q Had you had any type of accidents where you
- 7 slipped and fell?
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q Did you have any type of injury whatsoever
- 10 during that period of time?
- 11 A No.
- 12 Q The only thing that you -- the only type of
- 13 activity that you had was your work?
- 14 A Yes, just normal physical activity.
- 15 Q And then the physical therapy that you were
- 16 getting?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And what did you do that morning? Did you
- 19 make any attempts to call anyone?
- 20 A Because the claim had been closed, I just kind
- 21 of figured that was the end of it. I don't know how
- 22 everything works really. I called the chiropractor and
- 23 asked if I could get in, and when I went in there he
- 24 said, "This is related to your accident and I'm not
- 25 going to treat you." He said, "You need to call

- 1 workers' comp."
- Q Okay. And did you? Did you call the
- 3 adjustor?
- 4 A I called Dr. Hall's office first.
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 A And they said that because of the status of
- 7 the claim, I had to contact the Insurer first before
- 8 they would see me unless I wanted to pay for it myself.
- 9 So I called the Insurer, and I think it took about a
- 10 week to hear back from her. And she said that I would
- 11 need to appeal the closure of the claim in order to
- 12 seek further treatment.
- 13 Q And did you do that?
- 14 A I did.
- 15 Q Okay. And she did not authorize you to return
- 16 to see Dr. Hall; correct?
- 17 A No, no.
- 18 Q Is that correct?
- 19 A That is correct.
- Q Okay. So you went back to see Dr. Hansen?
- 21 A Correct.
- 22 Q And then what did Dr. Hansen do for you?
- 23 A He said that he wanted an MRI before he would
- 24 do any treatment, and so I went and got an MRI.
- Q All right. And after you got the results of

- 1 the MRI did Dr. Hansen provide you with treatment?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And basically what would he do?
- 4 A It's a -- how do I describe it? They kind of
- 5 stretch your neck out to try and make room for the
- 6 protruding discs.
- 7 Q Okay. So your understanding was you had
- 8 protruding discs in what part of your spine?
- 9 A In my neck.
- 10 Q And did there come a point in time where he
- 11 referred you to a Dr. Muir?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And what did Dr. Muir do for you?
- 14 A He was a pain and spine specialist. Initially
- 15 all he offered was pain pills. I told him that they
- 16 didn't help. I had the pain pills from before. They
- 17 weren't helping. So he was just kind of there in case
- 18 it got worse. Eventually he did an injection in my
- 19 neck, and that didn't help either. So he referred me
- 20 to Dr. Sekhon.
- 21 Q Did you follow his instructions and go see
- 22 Dr. Sekhon?
- 23 A I did.
- Q Up to this point have you been represented by
- 25 an attorney?

- 1 A No.
- 2 Q You were doing this all on your own?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And you saw Dr. Sekhon?
- 5 A Uh-huh.
- 6 Q And what did Dr. Sekhon do for you?
- 7 A He just stated that the condition that my neck
- 8 was in, the protruding discs were pushing against a
- 9 nerve which was giving the symptoms that I was
- 10 complaining about, and that it wouldn't likely get
- 11 better without surgery.
- 12 Q So he gave you a recommendation for surgery?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q When you talked to Dr. Hansen and Dr. Sekhon
- 15 and Dr. Muir did you tell them about your prior health
- 16 history?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Did you tell them that you had been in two car
- 19 accidents in June?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Did you tell them that you had injured
- 22 yourself in the past and received treatment for your
- 23 neck?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q So you basically gave them your full history?

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- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q In fact, when the insurance company -- in the
- 3 first claim they asked for you to complete an
- 4 authorization so that they could get your prior
- 5 records; correct?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And you provided that to them?
- 8 A I did.
- 9 Q From the date of June 25th, 2015, up until you
- 10 saw Dr. Sekhon -- so the first time was just from the
- 11 day of the accident to the January time, but now let's
- 12 go all the way to Dr. Sekhon.
- 13 Did you have any car accidents you were
- 14 involved in?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Any falls?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q Any injuries whatsoever?
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q And during this entire time you continued to
- 21 work full time?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Full duty?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Without restrictions?

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q You continued to do your home exercise
- 3 program?
- 4 A I do my stretches.
- 5 Q Okay. So it was sort of modified after you
- 6 saw Dr. Sekhon and Dr. Hansen?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q But you continue to do what they have
- 9 instructed you to do; correct?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 MR. SANTOS: That's all I have, your Honor.
- 12 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: Thank you,
- 13 Mr. Santos. Mr. Rowe.
- MR. ROWE: Thank you, your Honor.
- 15
- 16 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. ROWE:
- 18 Q Ms. Kline, the accident on June 25th was a
- 19 fairly minor accident, was it not?
- 20 A It was moderate.
- 21 Q In the police report it indicates that the
- 22 distance your vehicle traveled after the impact was one
- 23 foot.
- 24 Would you agree with that?
- 25 A I can't agree or disagree. I have no idea.

- Q Okay. And do you have any idea what the speed
- 2 of the vehicle behind you was?
- 3 A I could only guess.
- Q So if the police report indicated an estimate
- 5 of five to ten miles an hour would you disagree with
- 6 that?
- 7 A I would disagree with that.
- 8 Q You thought it was going faster?
- 9 A I did, yes.
- 10 Q Okay. You were driving a pickup?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q And what kind of car hit you? It was a
- 13 Subaru, wasn't it?
- 14 A Yes.
- Q Okay. It sounds as if the symptoms that had
- 16 you seek out attention in January was this arm pain;
- 17 correct?
- 18 A Correct.
- 19 Q And that was a new symptom, was it not?
- 20 A The nerve pain and numbness was a new symptom.
- Q Okay. You hadn't had that before?
- 22 A I hadn't had that before, but it was
- 23 generating, according to the doctor, from the same
- 24 location as my neck injury.
- 25 Q I know, but my question is the arm pain and

- the numbness and so forth, that was all brand new in
- 2 January; right?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 MR. SANTOS: Object to the form of the
- 5 question. He said arm pain and nerve pain. I think
- 6 she just said nerve pain. So I think he was misstating
- 7 her testimony.
- 8 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: Would you just
- 9 restate your question, Mr. Rowe?
- MR. ROWE: Yes.
- 11 BY MR. ROWE:
- 12 Q Ms. Kline, as I read the medical records, it
- 13 appears that the first time arm pain was ever mentioned
- 14 was January.
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q Okay.
- MR. ROWE: That's all the questions I have,
- 18 your Honor.
- 19 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: All right. Thank
- 20 you, Mr. Rowe. One minute.
- 21 All right. Mr. Santos, do you have any
- 22 follow-up?
- MR. SANTOS: Yes, your Honor.
- 24 ///
- 25 ///

- REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 2 BY MR. SANTOS:
- 3 Q Exhibit 4, Page 13, is a copy of the police
- 4 report. Mr. Rowe asked you if this was a minor
- 5 accident.

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- 6 Can you tell me what the extent of damage was
- 7 on the vehicle you were driving?
- 8 A Here it says moderate.
- 9 Q Okay. And there was visible physical damage
- 10 to the vehicle you were in?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Can you describe it?
- 13 A They had to replace the whole back bumper and
- 14 the -- I can't think of the term, but the side panels
- 15 on the back of my truck. It pushed the bumper up
- 16 underneath my truck. It wasn't visible from the back
- 17 of the truck anymore.
- 18 Q Okay. Do you recall when you were getting
- 19 your physical therapy whether or not you had -- my
- 20 recollection was that you made -- did you make
- 21 complaints of shoulder pain?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q All right. Is that different than the arm
- 24 pain you had?
- 25 A The arm pain went all the way down into my

- 1 fingers, but I guess -- the pain in my neck I could
- 2 feel generating down my arm, but it's not -- it's not
- 3 the nerve pain that sent me to the doctor that day.
- 4 Q It was different?
- 5 A It was different.
- 6 Q And you made complaints of your shoulders.
- 7 Describe to me what "shoulder" means to you.
- 8 A The top of my -- the top of my shoulders, like
- 9 from my neck out, I guess.
- 10 Q All right. How far down -- does it come down
- 11 into your arm at all?
- 12 A Just, yes, below the joint of my shoulder.
- 13 Q Okay. So let the record reflect you're
- 14 pointing about maybe four or five inches from the top
- 15 of your shoulder down your arm.
- 16 MR. SANTOS: Is that fair?
- MR. ROWE: No, that's not fair. That's not
- 18 what she testified to. That's not what I understood
- 19 what she said. You asked her where her shoulder was,
- 20 not where the pain was.
- 21 MR. SANTOS: Well, no, where she was pointing.
- 22 She says underneath where -- she was pointing to where
- 23 the pain was that --
- 24 MR. ROWE: That was not in response to a
- 25 question that asked her to point out where her pain in

- her shoulders was. It was a different question.
- 2 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: Restate the
- 3 question, Mr. Santos.
- 4 MR. SANTOS: Sure.
- 5 BY MR. SANTOS:
- 6 Q The pain in your shoulder, where would that
- 7 go?
- 8 A Into the joint of my shoulder.
- 9 Q Okay. Can you describe -- because, remember,
- 10 this is being recorded.
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Because we have to look at the transcript
- 13 later.
- 14 Can you describe how far down that would come
- 15 from the top of your shoulder down your arm on your
- 16 left?
- 17 A From the --
- 18 Q Describe it.
- 19 A -- top of my shoulder?
- 20 Q How many inches down would it go?
- 21 A Two to three inches.
- Q Okay. And that was something that you
- 23 consistently complained about during the course of your
- 24 treatment?
- 25 A Yes.

- Q And did the physical therapist provide you
- 2 with any type of exercises that addressed shoulder
- 3 mobility?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Was there a name that you can recall or can
- 6 you describe what he would have you do or she? I'm not
- 7 sure if the physical therapist was a male or female.
- 8 A He was a male. And the most that I recall
- 9 would be like the band exercises, the rubber band
- 10 things that you would use as resistance.
- 11 Q Okay. So you would put one on a door or a
- 12 doorknob, and you would put your arm through it and
- 13 rotate your shoulders through various ranges of motion?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Okay.
- MR. SANTOS: That's all I have, your Honor.
- 17 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: Thank you,
- 18 Mr. Santos. Ms. Kline, you can return to your seat.
- 19 Any additional witnesses, Mr. Santos?
- MR. SANTOS: None, your Honor.
- 21 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: Any witnesses,
- 22 Mr. Rowe?
- MR. ROWE: No, none, your Honor.
- 24 APPEALS OFFICER NIELSEN: All right. Let's go
- 25 ahead and proceed to closing statements, and we'll

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SPECIALTY HEALTH CLINIC

Patient: KIMBERLY KLINE

DoB: 10/07/1979

Sex: F

Provider: Dr. Scott Hall, MD

Visit: 10/28/2015 2:15PM

Chart: KLK1000001

Chief Complaint: CERVICAL CLAIM

History of Present Illness:

Disclaimer: Parts of this note may have been dictated by speech recognition. Minor errors in transcription may be present.

KIMBERLY KLINE is a 36 female who presents for : CERVICAL CLAIM .

Patient reports improvement in her neck without significant symptoms currently, no arm symptoms reported. She has completed treatment

Medications & Allergies:

Allergy	Reaction
No Known Drug Allergies (NKDA)	N/A

Physical Exam:

Height	Weight	вімі	Blood Pressure
67.00 in	155.00 lbs	24.30	120/68
Pulse	Respiratory Rate	Oxygen Saturation	Smoking Status
87 bpm	14 rpm	97.00 %	Never smoker

CONST: well-appearing, NAD EYES: EOMI, normal conjunctiva EARS: grossly normal hearing RESP: normal respiratory effort

MS: normal gait and station

SKIN: no observed rash/erythema/jaundice

PSYCH: euthymic mood, reactive affect, AO x 3, intact memory, good judgment and insight

MSK: Neck exam -normal inspection, nontender to palpation, full motion with grossly normal strength

Assessment:

Туре	Code	Description
ICD-10-CM Condition	S13,4XXA	Sprain of ligaments of cervical spine, initial encounter

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Plan:

Work status: Full duty, MMI

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RETURN TO WORK FOR: KIMBERLY KLINE DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 10/28/2015 02:15PM

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To:

Kimberly Kline 305 Puma Dr. Washoe Valley, NV 89704 RE: Claim No: 15853E839641

Employer: City of Reno Insurer: City of Reno TPA: CCMSI

Date of Injury: 6/25/2015
Date of Notice: 11/6/2015

From: Yesenia Martinez, Medical Only Claims Representative

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CLOSE CLAIM
(Pursuant to NRS 616C.235)

After careful and thorough review of your workers' compensation claim, it has been determined that all benefits have been paid and your claim will be closed effective seventy (70) days from the date of this notice.

Your file reflects that you are not presently undergoing any medical treatment; however, if you are scheduled for future medical appointments please advise us inunediately. You are not being scheduled for a disability evaluation because your doctor has indicated that you do not have a ratable impairment as a result of your above-referenced claim.

Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 616C.390 defines your right to reopen your claim. You must make a written request for reopening and your doctor must submit a report relating your problem to the original industrial injury. The report must state that your condition has worsened since the time of claim closure and that the condition requires additional medical care. Reopening is not effective prior to the date of your request for reopening unless good cause is shown. Upon such showing by your doctor, the cost of emergency treatment shall be allowed.

ou disagree with the above determination, you do have the right to appeal. If your appeal concerns "accident benefits" (medical treatment supplies) and your insurer has contracted with an organization for managed care, complete the bottom portion of this notice and send it to your insurer no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of this notice.

If your appeal concerns "compensation benefits," or if no organization for managed care is involved in your claim, complete the bottom portion of this notice and send it to the State of Nevada, Department of Administration, Hearings Division. Your appeal must be filed within seventy (70) days after the date on which the notice of the insurer's final determination was mailed.

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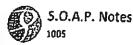
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Friday, January 22, 2016

Narrative Encounter - Exam - Initial

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 3:19 PM

Kline, Kimberly

Subjective

Chief Complaint

Neck pain. (Pain Scale 10 of 10.)

History of Present Illness

The patient presents with neck pain.

Associated symptoms: The patient reports associated symptoms of weakness and numbness.

Quality: The patient characterizes the pain as burning, shooting, sharp, and radiating to (the left shoulder, the left forearm, the left thumb, and the left index finger). The patient cannot remain still.

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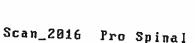
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- Grip Strength. Right hand dominant: first test right hand (75 pounds of force), second test right hand (72 pounds of force), and third test right hand (68 pounds of force), average for right hand is 71.66666 pounds of force first test left hand (40 pounds of force), second test left hand (38 pounds of force), third test left hand (40 pounds of force), average for left hand is 39.33333 pounds of force.
- Palpations. A combination of static and motion palpation reveal: lower cervical spine and mid cervical spine articular fixation bilaterally (severe indications).
- Trigger-Point. Palpation of the cervical, thoracic and related spinal musculature reveal: upper trapezius spasm, tenderness, and trigger point is severe bilaterally and cervical paraspinals spasm, tenderness, and trigger point is
- Range of Motion. Active cervical range of motion evaluation reveals left lateral flexion of 5/40 degrees with pain, flexion of 15/45 degrees with pain, and extension of 10/55 degrees with pain.
- Cervical Orthopedic Tests. Maximum cervical compression test for cervical nerve root compression is positive with radiating pain on the left. Cervical distraction maneuver alleviating neck pain or causing pain irritation is positive with pain relief. Bakody's sign for pain relief is positive with pain relief.

Neurological

- Sensation. Dermatome evaluation of the upper extremity reveal: C5 left, C6 left hypoesthesia, and all remaining upper extremity dermatomes are within normal limits. Dermatome evaluation of the lower extremity reveal: dermatome distribution patterns for L1 - S1 vertebral levels are within normal limits bilaterally.
- Reflexes. Upper extremity deep tendon reflexes reveal: biceps (C5) on the left +1 (trace/sluggish response) and brachioradialis (C6) on the left +1 (trace/sluggish response). All other cervical spine deep tendon reflexes are within normal limits. Lower extremity deep tendon reflexes reveal: All deep tendon reflexes are within normal limits bilaterally.

Dx Codes

M50.20 - Other cervical disc displacement, unspecified cervical region

Assessment and Plan

Treatment

Physical Modalities

- Cold pack applied to: the muscles of the posterior neck.
- Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression therapy using the Z-Grav decompression table was applied to: C5 and C6 at 30lbs with a 20 to 25 degree angle.
- Electrical stimulation applied to: the muscles of the posterior neck.
- LightCure Class-4 deep tissue laser therapy applied to: the muscles of the posterior neck.

Treatment Plans/Rationale

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Assessment

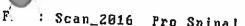
The patient's response to conservative care - is marginal.

Diagnostic Impressions

 Impression - Examination indicates manifestations of a disc injury between the intervertebral disc space of CS, C6, and C7.

Schedule of Care

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Narrative Encounter - Exam - Initial

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 3:19 PM

Kline, Kimberly

• Schedule of care - The patient will be treated with non-surgical spinal decompression coupled with Class IV deep tissue laser therapy using the LightForce EX laser four (4) times per week for four (4) weeks, undergo a re-exam, and continue with care at two (2) times a week for two (2) weeks pending no unforeseen issues or conditions to address the intervertebral disc space of CS, C6, and C7.

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Provider of Record

Narrative Encounter - Decompression

Thursday, January 14, 2016 11:06 AM

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Exam requested by: Bryan Hansen DC 10635 Professional Circle Ste B Reno NV 89521

MR-Spine Cervical without contrast [16265] - SPINE C

Patient: Kline, Kimberly Date of Birth: 10-07-1979 Phone: (775) 815-5790 MRN: 407766 Acc: 5111686 Date of Exam: 01-13-2016

CLINICAL INDICATION: Motor vehicle collision May 2015. Patient complains of neck pain which has since subsided. Neck pain started again 2 weeks ago with left arm pain, numbness and weakness down to the fingers.

TECHNIQUE: Multiple acquisition parameters were performed to evaluate the cervical spine utilizing the Siemens Espree Wide Bore 1.5 T MRI.

COMPARISON: None.

FINDINGS:

There is straightening of the normal cervical lordosis. There is no malalignment. The vertebral body heights are maintained with degenerative changes at the C5-C6 and C6-C7 levels. The bone marrow signal intensity is preserved. The spinal cord appears normal in caliber and signal intensity. There is no Chiari 1 malformation. The cervical spine is otherwise unremarkable through the C3-C4 level.

C4-C5: There is a shallow disc osteophyte complex indenting upon the thecal sac causing mild canal stenosis (axial series 5 image 13). There is mild right-sided neural foraminal narrowing. There is no significant left-sided neural foraminal narrowing.

C5-C6: There is a large disc protrusion in the left paracentral to subarticular zones causing moderate to severe canal stenosis and left lateral recess stenosis (axial series 5 image 19). There is no significant neural foraminal narrowing bilaterally.

C6-C7: There is a disc protrusion exiting from the central to left subarticular zones (axial series 5 images 23 and 24) indenting upon the cord resulting in effacement of CSF from the ventral and dorsal aspects of the cord causing severe canal stenosis without cord compression. There is bilateral uncovertebral arthropathy causing mild bilateral neural foraminal narrowing.

C7-T1: Unremarkable.

IMPRESSION:

Disc degeneration with large disc protrusions at the C5-C6 and C6-C7 levels resulting in complete effacement of CSF from the ventral and dorsal aspects of the cord with severe canal stenosis without cord compression or abnormal signal intensity in the cord to suggest cord edema or myelomalacia.

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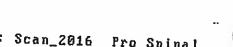
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• Schedule of care • The patient will be treated with non-surgical spinal decompression coupled with Class IV deep tissue laser therapy using the LightForce EX laser four (4) times per week for four (4) weeks, undergo a re-exam, and continue with care at two (2) times a week for two (2) weeks pending no unforeseen issues or conditions to address the intervertebral disc space of C5, C6, and C7.

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Narrative Encounter - Decompression

Thursday, January 14, 2016 11:05 AM

Kline, Kimberly

Subjective

Chief Complaint

· Neck pain. (Pain Scale 10 of 10.)

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Narrative Encounter - Decompression

Thursday, January 14, 2016 J 1:06 AM

Kline, Kimberly

M50.20 - Other cervical disc displacement, unspecified cervical region

Assessment and Plan

Treatment

Physical Modalities

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Treatment Plans/Rationale

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Prognosis

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Varrative Encounter - Exam - Initial (Auto-Recovered)

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- Grip Strength. Right hand dominant: first test right hand (75 pounds of force), second test right hand (72 pounds of force), and third test right hand (68 pounds of force), average for right hand is 71.66666 pounds of force first test left hand (40 pounds of force), second test left hand (38 pounds of force), third test left hand (40 pounds of force), average for left hand is 39.33333 pounds of force.
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- Range of Motion. Active cervical range of motion evaluation reveals left lateral flexion of 5/40 degrees with pain, flexion of 15/45 degrees with pain, and extension of 10/55 degrees with pain.
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- Lumbar Orthopedic Tests. Straight leg raise (positive need not imply neurologic dysfunction must rule out
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 intervertebral disc herniation or dural sleeve adhesions is negative. Braggard's test for sciatic pain elicitation is
 negative.

Neurological

- Sensation. Dermatome evaluation of the upper extremity reveal: C5 left, C6 left hypoesthesia, and all remaining upper extremity dermatomes are within normal limits. Dermatome evaluation of the lower extremity reveal: dermatome distribution patterns for L1 S1 vertebral levels are within normal limits bilaterally.
- Reflexes. Upper extremity deep tendon reflexes reveal: biceps (C5) on the left +1 (trace/sluggish response) and brachioradialis (C6) on the left +1 (trace/sluggish response). All other cervical spine deep tendon reflexes are within normal limits. Lower extremity deep tendon reflexes reveal: All deep tendon reflexes are within normal limits bilaterally. The pathological reflexes are noted: Babinski's sign: normal and negative. Hoffmann's sign: negative and normal. Ankle clonus: negative and normal.

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Rationale For Care / Treatment Objectives

 Rationale for treatment and treatment objectives - The cervical short term goals are to decrease level of acute pain, decrease the inflammation, improve activities of daily living, and improve overall function of the affected areas.

Schedule of Care

Schedule of care - As outlined in previous report.

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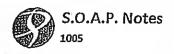
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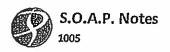
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Diagnostic Impressions

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Schedule of Care

• Schedule of care - Continue as stated in initial report.

Discussion Subjects:

• Patients reports numbness in her left bicep is gone but continues in her left forearm and thumb.

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Varrative Encounter - Decompression

Kline, Kimberly

hursday, January 21, 2016 2:37 PM

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Neck pain. (Pain Scale 6 of 10.)

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Kline, Kimberly

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Examination

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Dx Codes

M50.20 - Other cervical disc displacement, unspecified cervical region

Assessment and Plan

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eatment Plans/Rationale

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sessment

• The patient's response to conservative care - Patient responded well to treatment today.



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Kline, Kimberly

Prognosis

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Schedule of Care

Schedule of care - Continue as stated in initial report.

Discussion Subjects:

Patients reports numbness in her left forearm has subsided, however there is some numbness in her left thumb.

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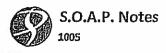
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• The patient's response to conservative care - Patient responded well to treatment today.



Kline, Kimberly

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Schedule of Care

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Kline, Kimberly

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• Neck pain. (Pain Scale 5 of 10.)

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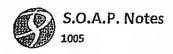
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<u>atment Plans/Rationale</u>

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The patient's response to conservative care - Patient responded well to treatment today.



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Schedule of Care

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· Neck pain. (Pain Scale 5 of 10.)

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Kline, Kimberly

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Examination

Musculoskeletai

- Palpations. A combination of static and motion palpation reveal: lower cervical spine and mid cervical spine articular fixation bilaterally (moderate indications). Hypertonic musculature is moderate in the muscles of the posterior neck bilaterally, the occipital muscles bilaterally, and the muscles of the upper back bilaterally. Muscle spasm is moderate in the muscles of the upper back bilaterally and the muscles of the posterior neck bilaterally.
- Trigger Point. Palpation of the cervical, thoracic and related spinal musculature reveal: upper trapezius spasm, tenderness, and trigger point is moderate bilaterally and cervical paraspinals spasm, tenderness, and trigger point is moderate.
- Grip Strength. Right hand dominant: first test right hand (75 pounds of force), second test right hand (72 pounds of force), and third test right hand (68 pounds of force), average for right hand is 71.66666 pounds of force first test left hand (40 pounds of force), second test left hand (38 pounds of force), third test left hand (40 pounds of force), average for left hand is 39.33333 pounds of force.
- Range of Motion. Active cervical range of motion evaluation reveals left lateral flexion of 10/40 degrees with pain, flexion of 20/45 degrees with pain, and extension of 15/55 degrees with pain.
- Cervical Orthopedic Tests. Maximum cervical compression test for cervical nerve root compression is positive with radiating pain on the left. (50% Improved.) Cervical distraction maneuver alleviating neck pain or causing pain irritation is positive with pain relief. (50% Improved.)
- Lumbar Orthopedic Tests. Straight leg raise (positive need not imply neurologic dysfunction must rule out hamstring injury, lumbar facet injury, sacroiliac injury) is negative. (No Change.) Fajersztajn's well leg raising test for lumbar intervertebral disc herniation or dural sleeve adhesions is negative. (No Change.) Braggard's test for sciatic pain elicitation is negative. (No Change.)



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Kline, Kimberly

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- Sensation. Dermatome evaluation of the upper extremity reveal: C5 left, C6 left hypoesthesia, and all remaining upper extremity dermatomes are within normal limits. (No Change.) Dermatome evaluation of the lower extremity reveal: dermatome distribution patterns for L1 - S1 vertebral levels are within normal limits bilaterally. (No Change.)
- Reflexes. Upper extremity deep tendon reflexes reveal: biceps (C5) on the left +1 (trace/sluggish response) and brachioradialis (C6) on the left +1 (trace/sluggish response). All other cervical spine deep tendon reflexes are within normal limits. (No Change.) Lower extremity deep tendon reflexes reveal: All deep tendon reflexes are within normal limits bilaterally. (No Change.) The pathological reflexes are noted: Babinski's sign: normal and negative. Hoffmann's sign: negative and normal. Ankle clonus: negative and normal. (No Change.)

Dx Codes

M50.20 - Other cervical disc displacement, unspecified cervical region

Assessment and Plan

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 The patient's response to conservative care - Patient responded well to treatment today. ognosis

• Prognosis - Remains good and continues to improve with treatment.

agnostic Impressions

 Impression - Re-examination shows that the patient continues to suffer from but is improving for manifestations of a disc injury at C5-6 and C6-7 causing severe left arm and forearm pain with numbness in the forearm and first two digits. MRI done at RDC confirms said impression with two large left paracentral disc protrusions at C5-6 and C6-7 causing severe left NFS at each level. These injuries do appear to be directly related to the recent rear-end type motor vehicle collision. We will continue with the current treatment plan as patient seems to be improving as expected.

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 Schedule of care - Continue current treatment plan as outlined in initial exam. Patient will have a re-examination in approximately 2 weeks provided no unexpected issue arise.

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Kline, Kimberly

Subjective

Chief Complaint

• Neck pain. (Pain Scale 5 of 10.)

History of Present Illness

The patient presents with neck pain.

Associated symptoms: The patient reports associated symptoms of weakness and numbness.

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Objective

<u>Examination</u>

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Treatment Plans/Rationale

Assessment

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Schedule of Care

Schedule of care - As previously stated.

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Kline, Kimberly

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Schedule of Care

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Varrative Encounter - Decompression

Kline, Kimberly

Tuesday, February 02, 2016 10:16 AM

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• Neck pain. (Pain Scale 4 of 10.)

<u>istory of Present Illness</u>

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Kline, Kimberly

Examination

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Assessment and Plan

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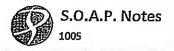
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History of Present Illness

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Schedule of Care

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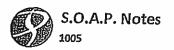
Kline, Kimberly

Subjective

Chief Complaint

• Neck pain. (Pain Scale 3 of 10.)

History of Present Illness



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Kline, Kimberly

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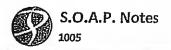
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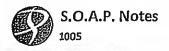
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<u>Viscellaneous Notes</u>

Patient has flare up of pain today, we are increasing her to 70lbs.

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Chief Complaint

Neck pain. (Pain Scale 4 of 10.)

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Kline, Kimberly

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Chief Complaint

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- Cervical Orthopedic Tests. Maximum cervical compression test for cervical nerve root compression is positive with radiating pain on the left. (75% Improved.) Cervical distraction maneuver alleviating neck pain or causing pain irritation is positive with pain relief. (75% improved.)
- · Lumbar Orthopedic Tests. Straight leg raise (positive need not imply neurologic dysfunction must rule out hamstring injury, lumbar facet injury, sacroiliac injury) is negative. (No Change.) Fajersztajn's well leg raising test for lumbar intervertebral disc herniation or dural sleeve adhesions is negative. (No Change.) Braggard's test for sciatic pain elicitation is negative. (No Change.)

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• Reflexes. Upper extremity deep tendon reflexes reveal: biceps (C5) on the left +1 (trace/sluggish response) and brachioradialis (C6) on the left +1 (trace/sluggish response). All other cervical spine deep tendon reflexes are within normal limits. (Resolving.) Lower extremity deep tendon reflexes reveal: All deep tendon reflexes are within normal limits bilaterally. (No Change.) The pathological reflexes are noted: Babinski's sign: normal and negative. Hoffmann's sign: negative and normal. Ankle clonus: negative and normal. (No Change.)

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STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION HEARINGS DIVISION

In the matter of the Contested Industrial Insurance Claim of:

Hearing Number: 55487-JL Claim Number: 15853E839641

KIMBERLY KLINE 305 PUMA DR WASHOE VALLEY, NV 89704

CITY OF RENO ATTN ANDRENA ARREYGUE PO BOX 1900 RENO, NV 89505

BEFORE THE HEARING OFFICER

The Claimant's request for Hearing was filed on January 19, 2016 and a Hearing was scheduled for February 17, 2016. The Hearing was held on February 17, 2016, in accordance with Chapters 616 and 617 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

The Claimant was present. The Employer was not present. The Insurer was represented by Yesenia Martinez of CCMSI, by telephone conference call.

ISSUE

The Claimant appealed the Insurer's determination dated November 16, 2015. The issue before the Hearing Officer is claim closure without a permanent partial disability (PPD) evaluation.

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The determination of the Insurer is hereby REMANDED.

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On June 25, 2015, this Claimant sustained a compensable industrial injury. The Claimant has treated conservatively under the claim and on October 28, 2015, Dr. Hall reported the industrial injury had reached maximum medical improvement (MMI) without a ratable impairment. On November 6, 2015, the Insurer noticed the Claimant of its intention to close her claim without a PPD evaluation, the instant appeal. At today's hearing, the Claimant testified that her condition has significantly worsened and that she has been going to a chiropractor for relief under her private insurance. Her chiropractor ordered an MRI which revealed disc degeneration with large disc protrusion at the C5-C6 and C6-C7 levels. Having reviewed the submitted evidence and in consideration of the representations made at today's hearing, the Hearing Officer finds a medical question regarding the Claimant's MMI status as well as the disc degeneration with large disc protrusion as it relates to the industrial injury. As such, the Hearing Officer instructs the Insurer to provide Dr. Hall with the MRI results and question him accordingly. Upon receipt of Dr. Hall's medical reporting, the Insurer shall render a new determination with appeal rights regarding the further disposition of the claim, i.e., medical treatment, claim closure, PPD, etc.

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KIMBERLY KLINE 55487-JL

APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to NRS 616C.345(1), should any party desire to appeal this final Decision and Order of the Hearing Officer, a request for appeal must be filed with the Appeals Officer within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision by the Hearing Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 25th day of February, 2016.

Jason Luis, Hearing Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned, an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Administration, Hearings Division, does hereby certify that on the date shown below, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **DECISION AND ORDER** was deposited into the State of Nevada Interdepartmental mail system, **OR** with the State of Nevada mail system for mailing via United States Postal Service, **OR** placed in the appropriate addressee runner file at the Department of Administration, Hearings Division, 1050 E. Williams Street, Suite 400, Carson City, Nevada, to the following:

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Dated this 25th day of February, 2016.

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Employee of the State of Nevada

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Patient: KIMBERLY KLINE

DOB: 10/07/1979

Sex: F

Provider: Dr. Scott Hall, MD

Visit: 03/16/2016 2:15PM

Chart: KLK1000001

letter:

KIMBERLY KLINE was seen at SpecialtyHealth for a medical evaluation on 03/16/2016 02:15PM.

I received written communication from the administrator including medical records from a local chiropractor and an MRI of her cervical spine with questions.

Mrs. Kline was injured in June of 2015 during a motor vehicle accident with subsequent treatment for a cervical strain. Her treatment included conservative care with medications and physical therapy. The patient reported pain centralized in her neck without significant radiation into her arms. No neurologic symptoms were identified in her arms. The last visit with me was October 28, 2015 when she reported essentially no symptoms and minimal pain.

The medical records I received demonstrate a visit to a local chiropractor on January 13, 2016 with the acute onset of cervical pain, 7 days duration, pain rated 10/10 with radiation into the left arm and associated neurologic signs. An MRI done also on January 13, 2016 demonstrates findings of disc degeneration and protrusions at the C5-6 and C6-7 levels. A recommendation was made by the chiropractor to see to physiatry evaluation for further treatment.

Questions from the administrator included my opinion about the disc degeneration and protrusions and their relationship to the industrial injury. It is likely the patient had disc degeneration prior to the industrial injury which may have been exacerbated by the industrial injury; however, there was no evidence of neurologic symptoms during treatment for the industrial injury noted by myself or her physical therapist. The patient responded to conservative care with resolution. The collective records from the industrial injury support appropriate treatment and resolution of the cervical strain. I find no objective evidence connecting the significant MRI findings from 1/13/16 and the industrial injury.

The medical records from the recent visit to the chiropractor demonstrate the acute onset of symptoms in her neck and left arm. Based on the most recent visit from the chiropractor, it would seem these symptoms started spontaneously without provocation. It is uncertain if there is a relation to the industrial injury. Prior to the industrial injury, the patient did seek treatment by an orthopedist and he noted degenerative changes in her lumbar spine. This suggests that the patient was having disc degeneration prior to the industrial injury in part of her spine.

The 2nd question is in regards to a maximum improvement after treatment for the industrial injury. As I outlined

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above, all indications were the patient had recovered completely from the industrial injury on June 25, 2015 by the end of october 2015.

Signed: Scott Hall, MD

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Chief Complaint:cervical issue

Medications & Allergies:

Allergy	Reaction
No Known Drug Allergies (NKDA)	N/A

Assessment:

Type	Code	Description	
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Chart: KLK1000001

appropriate treatment and resolution of the cervical strain. I find no objective evidence connecting the significant MRI findings from 1/13/16 and the industrial injury.

The medical records from the recent visit to the chiropractor demonstrate the acute onset of symptoms in her neck and left arm. Based on the most recent visit from the chiropractor, it would seem these symptoms started spontaneously without provocation. It is uncertain if there is a relation to the industrial injury. Prior to the industrial injury, the patient did seek treatment by an orthopedist and he noted degenerative changes in her lumbar spine. This suggests that the patient was having disc degeneration prior to the industrial injury in part of her spine.

The 2nd question is in regards to a maximum improvement after treatment for the industrial injury. As I outlined above, all indications were the patient had recovered completely from the industrial injury on June 25, 2015 by the end of october 2015.

Signed: Scott Hall, MD



NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

BEFORE THE APPEALS OFFICER

In the Matter of the Industrial Claim of:

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Claim No.: 15853E839641 Hearing No.: 1801761-JL Appeal No.: 1802418-RKN

KIMBERLY KLINE,

Claimant.

CLAIMANT'S HEARING STATEMENT

I.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

- 1. The Claimant may rely on portions of any of the evidence packets submitted by the Employer or Insurer.
- 2. The Claimant reserves the right to submit any additional documents not submitted by the Employer or Insurer.

II.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES

Whether the Hearing Officer's decision dated January 16, 2018 is correct?

III.

WITNESSES

- The Claimant, KIMBERLY KLINE, may testify regarding her employment, prior health, the subject industrial injury and the symptoms she has experienced and continues to experience.
- 2. Any of the Claimant's treating physicians may testify regarding the Claimant's medical condition, causation, diagnosis, prognosis, and any other area within the doctors expertise.
- 3. Any of the adjusters who worked on the Claimant's claim may be called to testify regarding their administration of the above referenced claim.

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4. Any witness named or called by any other

5. Impeaching or rebuttal witnesses as deemed necessary.

IV.

ESTIMATED TIME FOR HEARING

The Claimant believes that the hearing will take approximately one (1) hour.

V.

AFFIRMATION

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that this document, filed in appeal number 1802418-RKN does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this **2** day of February, 2018.

LAW FIRM OF HERB SANTOS, JR. 225 South Arlington Avenue, Suite C Reno, NV 89501

By: HERB SANTOS, JR., Esq Attorney for Claimant

THE LAW FIRM OF HERB SANTOS, JR. 225 South Arlington Avenue, Suite C, Reno, Nevada, 89501 Tel: (775) 323-5200 Fax: (775) 323-5211

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am over the age of eighteen (18) and that on this date I deposited for mailing via United States Mail, first class postage fully prepaid, at Reno, Nevada, a true copy of the attached document addressed to:

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DATED this day of February, 2018.

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NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

BEFORE THE APPEALS OFFICER

In the Matter of the Contested Industrial Insurance Claim

Claim No:

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Hearing No:

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Appeal No:

Claimant.

MOTION FOR TEMPORARY STAY ORDER PENDING APPEAL

The Employer CITY OF RENO ("Employer") respectfully moves the Appeals Officer for a temporary stay order staying the effect of the Hearing Officer's Decision and Order entered on January 16, 2018 pending full hearing of this matter before the Appeals Officer (the "Motion").

The grounds for the Motion are that the Hearing Officer's Decision is unsupported by the evidence and contains an error of law. As such, the Employer and its third-party administrator, Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. ("CCMSI"), will be substantially prejudiced if required to comply with the Hearing Officer's Decision prior to hearing on this appeal.

This Motion is made and based upon the point and authorities attached hereto, the Insurer's Documentary Evidence ("IDE") filed herein, and the pleadings and papers on file under this claim.

DATED this 4th day of February, 2018.

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POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

Employer submits the following points and authorities in support of its Motion:

ISSUE PRESENTED ON APPEAL

The issue presented is whether the Hearing Officer improperly remanded the determination offering claimant Kimberly Kline's ("Claimant") six percent permanent partial disability ("PPD") award and improperly ordered CCMSI to schedule a second PPD evaluation when no medical evidence was submitted to support the finding of a medical question.

II.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Claimant worked as a parking enforcement officer for the City. On June 25, 2015, the Claimant was injured when her work vehicle was rear ended by another vehicle after clearing an intersection and stopping for traffic. This was her second motor vehicle accident that month.

The Claimant was treated at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center for back and neck pain. She was diagnosed by Dr. Richard Law with an acute lumbar radiculopathy, sprain of the lumbar spine, and acute pain the lower back. On July 23, 2015, the claim was accepted for cervical strain. The Claimant received medical treatment including chiropractic care and physical therapy.

On July 5, 2016, Dr. Sekhon recommended a C4-C5 to C6-7 decompression and fusion surgery. On June 12, 2017, Dr. Sekhon performed a C4-5, C5-6, and C6-7 anterior cervical decompression, interbody fusion.

On September 11, 2017, Dr. Sekhon determined that Claimant reached maximum medical improvement, released her to full duty, and she was ratable.

On November 10, 2017, Dr. Russell Anderson conducted a PPD evaluation. Dr. Anderson concluded that the Claimant has a 25% whole person impairment from the cervical spine. 75% of the impairment was apportioned as non-industrial. As such, he concluded that Claimant has a 6% whole person impairment related to the 6/25/15 industrial injury.

On January 16, 2018, the Hearing Officer entered a Decision and Order remanding the determination finding a medical question regarding Dr. Anderson's 75% apportionment and ordering a second PPD evaluation. Employer now appeals and requests a stay of that decision.

III.

ARGUMENT

A. Legal Standard for Granting a Stay Order.

Pursuant to NRS 616C.345, an aggrieved party may obtain a review of any decision of the Hearing Officer by appealing to the Appeals Officer. Further, NRS 616C.345(5) also provides that the Appeals Officer may stay the Hearing Officer decision after application "when appropriate."

Although the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure ("NRCP") are applicable to district courts, their application and interpretation can assist in deciding procedural issues in administrative hearings. (See NRCP 1). In Nyberg v. Nevada Industrial Comm'n, 100 Nev. 322, 683 P.2d (1984), the Nevada Supreme Court indicated that the language of NRCP 1 does not limit the application of the rules of civil procedure to solely district court proceedings. NRCP 62 is substantially identical to Rule 62 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. According to the interpretation of the federal rule, an aggrieved party or agency is entitled to a stay of proceedings as matter of right upon doing all acts necessary to perfect its appeal. Wright & Miller, Federal Practice and Procedure, Vol. II, p.325, et. seq.; Moore's Federal Practice, Sec. 62.02; see also American Mfrs. Mutual Ins. Co. v. American Broadcasting-Paramount Theaters, Inc., 87 S.Ct. 1, 3, 17 L.Ed.2d 37 (1966); Dewey v. Reynolds Metals Co., 304 F. Supp. 1116 (D.C. Mich. 1969); Ivor B. Clark Co. v. Hogan, 296 F. Supp. 47 4009 (S.D. NY 1969).

In DIR v. Circus, 101 Nev. 405, 411-412, 705 P.2d 645, 649 (1985), the Nevada Supreme Court stated that the insurer's proper procedure when aggrieved by a decision is to seek a stay. Id. at fn. 3. The determination that aggrieved parties are entitled to seek a stay has been upheld

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throughout the most recent Nevada decisions. Ransier v. SIIS, 104 Nev. 742, 747, 766 P.2d 274 (1988).

Generally, the Nevada Supreme Court has recognized that a stay should be granted where it can be shown that the appellant would suffer irreparable injury during the pendency of this appeal if the stay is not granted. White Pine Power v. Public Svc. Comm'n, 76 Nev. 263, 252 P.2d 256 (1960). The Supreme Court discussed this requirement in Kress v. Corey, 65 Nev. 1, 189 P.2d 352 (1948):

As a rule a supersedes or stay should be granted . . . whenever it appears that without it the object of the appeal or writ of error may be defeated, or that it is reasonably necessary to protect appellant or plaintiff in error from irreparable or serious injury in the case of a reversal, and it does not appear that appellee or defendant in error will sustain irreparable or disproportionate injury in case of affirmance

Id., 65 Nev. at 17. Irreparable harm includes in the workers' compensation context where benefits will be required to be paid based on a hearing officer decision because such benefits wrongfully paid cannot be recouped if the insurer is ultimately successful on appeal, and therefore relief in the form of a stay pending appeal is appropriate. See Circus Circus, 101 Nev. at 409-411, 705 P.2d at 648-649.

As noted, a stay is proper when an appellant demonstrates it will incur irreparable harm. This is established when the appellant demonstrates that it is likely to prevail on the merits of the appeal and, if so, the appellant cannot be returned to its original position. As detailed below, Employer will prevail on the merits based on the lack of evidence to support the finding of a medical question and therefore as a matter of law it was improper to order CCMSI to schedule a second PPD evaluation.

В. The PPD Award and Related Apportionment by Dr. Anderson was Proper.

CCMSI's letter offered the PPD award to Claimant based on the determinations made by Dr. Anderson in the PPD evaluation and in compliance with NRS 616C.490(6). Further, the medical reporting for the Claimant reviewed by Dr. Anderson supported the apportionment contained in the PPD evaluation. For example, the medical reports document Claimant's history of preexisting back problems including the January 13, 2016 MRI and radiograph 49

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showing cervical spine degenerative discs with large protrusions at C5-6, C6-7, effacement of the CSF, and severe stenosis.

Under NAC 616C.490(6) and (7), a rating physician may base apportionment upon treatment records in order to obtain an appropriate apportionment. Likewise, under NRS 616C.490(9), "[w]here there is a previous disability, . . . , the percentage of disability for a subsequent injury must be determined by computing the percentage of the entire disability and deducting therefrom the percentage of the previous disability as it existed at the time of the subsequent injury."

Further, as a condition of apportionment, if precise information is not available for a previous injury and the rating physician is unable to determine the apportionment using the Guide, apportionment is allowed as long as a condition precedent it is determined that at least 50 percent of the impairment is due to a preexisting or intervening injury, disease or condition. NAC 616C.490(6). From there, the doctor is entitled to determine the percentage of apportionment based "upon X rays, historical records and diagnoses made by physicians or chiropractors or records of treatment which confirm the prior impairment." Id.

This exactly what was done here. Dr. Anderson in accounting for the Claimant's preexisting back problems which have not previously been rated, apportioned the 25 percent PPD award finding that 75% of the Claimant's impairment was non-industrial and the remainder was industrial. As such, the apportionment of the 25 percent PPD award resulted in a six percent PPD award for the portion of the disability that is industrial. No medical evidence or prior PPD evaluations were introduced by the Claimant to contradict the apportionment as determined by Dr. Anderson. As such, the Hearing Officer's Decision and Order is unsupported by the evidence as no medical evidence was introduced to contradict the method of apportionment used by Dr. Anderson.1

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¹ Further, nowhere in the statutes and regulations is it provided that a legal determination in a prior appeal can substitute for medical evidence as a basis for challenging apportionment. The evidence provided by Claimant was prior decisions in a different appeal for the Claimant.

C. The Evidence Fails to Establish a Medical Question.

The Hearing Officer indicated in the Decision and Order that he "finds a medical question regarding Dr. Anderson's 75% apportionment." Yet, the Claimant submitted <u>no</u> medical evidence in support of her appeal from the determination letter. With no conflicting medical evidence to contradict the records reviewed and relied upon by Dr. Anderson or the findings in his PPD evaluation, it was improper to order a second PPD evaluation pursuant to NRS 616C.330(3) as no medical question was established by the Claimant.

D. The Hearing Officer's Decision Contains an Error Law.

With the Claimant providing no medical evidence to either establish a medical question or contradict the apportionment calculation by Dr. Anderson in the PPD evaluation, there was no basis for ordering CCMSI to schedule a second PPD evaluation. A medical question, as established by the substantial evidence, is required for application of NRS 616C.330 or to otherwise challenge the apportionment calculation.

Instead, the Claimant's appeal of the PPD award letter was simply based on her disagreeing with the percentage of disability as determined by the rating physician. NRS 616C.100 provides for exactly this scenario. "If the injured employee disagrees with the percentage of disability determined by a physician or chiropractor, the injured employee may obtain a second determination of the percentage of disability." NRS 616C.100(1) (emphasis added). If a higher percentage disability is found in the second PPD evaluation, then a hearing officer or appeals officer may then order the insurer to reimburse a claimant for the costs of the second evaluation. Id.

As such, with no medical evidence to challenge apportionment or to give rise to a medical question, it was an error of law for the Hearing Officer to order CCMSI to pay for a second PPD evaluation pursuant to NRS 616C.330 which only applies to medical questions. Rather, the proper statute to apply was NRS 616C.100 as the Claimant simply disagreed with the percentage of disability in the PPD evaluation but provided no medical basis for this disagreement. Thus, the Decision and Order is also affected by error of law by failing to apply NRS 616C.100.

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CONCLUSION

Employer respectfully submits that the Hearing Officer's Decision is unsupported by evidence and affected by error of law. In absence of a stay order staying the effect of the decision, the Employer will suffer irreparable harm. Under these circumstances a stay order is warranted. Accordingly, Employer requests that the Hearing Officer's Decision be stayed pending judicial review.

AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document filed with the Nevada Department of Administration does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this ____ | Y day of February, 2018.

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CITY OF RENO

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of McDONALD CARANO
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MOTION FOR TEMPORARY STAY ORDER PENDING APPEAL by placing a true and
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NOTICE OF APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE THE APPEALS OFFICER

ANY AGGRIEVED PARTY MAY APPEAL THIS DECISION BY FILING THIS NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE APPEALS OFFICE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS DECISION. IF

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2	The undersigned, an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Administration,
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STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION **HEARINGS DIVISION**

In the matter of the Contested Industrial Insurance Claim of:

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BEFORE THE HEARING OFFICER

The Claimant's request for Hearing was filed on December 13, 2017, and a Hearing was scheduled for January 10, 2018. The Hearing was held on January 10, 2018, in accordance with Chapters 616 and 617 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

The Claimant was represented by her attorney, Herbert Santos, Jr., by telephone conference call. The Employer was not present. The Insurer was represented by Lisa Wiltshire Alstead, Esquire, by telephone conference call.

ISSUE

The Claimant appealed the Insurer's determination dated December 5, 2017. The issue before the Hearing Officer is the 6% permanent partial disability (PPD) evaluation.

DECISION AND ORDER

The determination of the Insurer is hereby **REMANDED**.

On November 10, 2017, this Claimant was evaluated for a PPD by Dr. Anderson wherein Dr. Anderson awarded a 6% PPD. Dr. Anderson concluded that the Claimant has a 25% whole person impairment. Dr. Anderson further determined that 75% of the impairment should be apportioned as non-industrial. Having reviewed the submitted evidence and in consideration of the representations made at today's hearing, the Hearing Officer finds a medical question regarding Dr. Anderson's 75% apportionment. As such, the Hearing Officer instructs the Insurer to schedule the Claimant for a second PPD evaluation pursuant to NRS 616C.330. Upon on completion of the second PPD evaluation, the Insurer shall render a new determination with appeal rights accordingly. RECEIVED - LMWA

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NRS 616C.330(3) grants authority to the hearing officer to refer an employee to a physician or chiropractor chosen by the hearing officer to resolve a medical question. If the medical question concerns the Permanent Partial Disability rating, the rating physician or chiropractor must be selected pursuant to NRS 616C.490(2)(a), unless the insurer and injured employee otherwise agree to a rating physician or chiropractor. The insurer shall pay the costs of any medical examinations requested by the hearing officer.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to NRS 616C.345(1), should any party desire to appeal this final Decision and Order of the Hearing Officer, a request for appeal must be filed with the Appeals Officer within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision by the Hearing Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 16th day of January, 2018.

Jason Luis, Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned, an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Administration, Hearings Division, does hereby certify that on the date shown below, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **DECISION AND ORDER** was deposited into the State of Nevada Interdepartmental mail system, **OR** with the State of Nevada mail system for mailing via United States Postal Service, **OR** placed in the appropriate addressee runner file at the Department of Administration, Hearings Division, 1050 E. Williams Street, Suite 400, Carson City, Nevada, to the following:

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

KIMBERLY KLINE,

Petitioner,

vs.

CITY OF RENO; CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERBVICES, "CCMSI"; the STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, HEARINGS DIVISION, an Agency of the State of Nevada: the STATE OF **NEVADA** DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, APPEALS DIVISION, an Agency of the of Nevada: **MICHELLE** MORGANDO, ESQ., Sr. Appeals Officer; RAJINDER NIELSEN, ESQ., Appeals Officer, ATTORNEY GENERAL AARON FORD, ESO.,

Respondents.

CASE NO.: CV19-01683

DEPT. NO.: 4

ORDER FOR BRIEFING SCHEDULE

On August 28, 2019, Petitioner KIMBERLY KLINE, by and through her attorney, Herb Santos, Jr., Esq. of the Law Firm of Herb Santos, Jr., filed a *Petition for Judicial Review*. On September 9, 2019, Respondent the CITY OF RENO and CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., by and through its attorney, Timothy E. Rowe, Esq. and Lisa Wiltshire Alstead, Esq. of McDonald Carano LLP, filed a *Statement of Intent to Participate*. On September 18, 2019, Rajinder K. Rai-Nielsen, Esq., Appeals Officer, filed a *Certification of Transmittal* was filed. Additionally, on September 18, 2019, the *Record on Appeal In*

Accordance with the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 233B of NRS) and a Transmittal of Record on Appeal were filed.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.130, Petitioner must serve the Petition upon the agency and every party within 45 days after the filing of the Petition. The Agency and any party desiring to participate must file a Statement of Intent to Participate within 20 days after service of the Petition.

The Petitioner shall transmit to the Court an original or certified copy of the transcript of the evidence resulting in the final decision of the agency, and the Agency that rendered the decision shall transmit to the Court the remainder of the record of the proceedings under review within 45 days after service of the Petition, and shall give written notice of the transmittal. NRS 233B.131(1)(a)-(b).

Pursuant to NRS 233B.133, Petitioner must serve and file an Opening Brief (Points and Authorities) within 40 days after the Agency has given written notice that the record has been filed with the Court.

Respondent shall serve and file an Answering Brief (Points and Authorities) within 30 days after service of Petitioner's Opening Brief.

Petitioner may serve and file a Reply Brief (Points and Authorities) within 30 days after service of Respondent's Answering Brief.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Appellant's failure to file her Opening Brief within the time limitation hereinabove stated shall be deemed an admission that the appeal was not well founded and shall constitute adequate grounds for dismissal of the appeal; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that upon briefs having been filed pursuant to this Order, the matter must be formally submitted to the Court.

DATED this 15 day of October, 2019.

Connie J. Steinheimes DISTRICT JUDGE

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 CASE NO. CV19-01683 3 I certify that I am an employee of the SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of the 4 STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE; that on the day of October, 2019, I filed 5 the ORDER FOR BRIEFING SCHEDULE with the Clerk of the Court. 6 I further certify that I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing document by 7 the method(s) noted below: 8 Personal delivery to the following: [NONE] 9 Electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court, using the eFlex system which constitutes effective service for all eFiled documents pursuant to the eFile User Agreement. 10 TIMOTHY ROWE, ESO. for CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, CITY 11 OF RENO 12 LISA ALSTEAD, ESQ. for CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, CITY OF RENO 13 HERBERT SANTOS, JR., ESQ. for KIMBERLY M KLINE 14 Transmitted document to the Second Judicial District Court mailing system in a sealed envelope for postage and mailing by Washoe County using the United States Postal 15 Service in Reno, Nevada: [NONE] 16 Placed a true copy in a sealed envelope for service via: 17 Reno/Carson Messenger Service – [NONE] 18 Federal Express or other overnight delivery service [NONE] 19 DATED this \ day of October, 2019 20 21 22 23 24

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

KIMBERLY KLINE,

Petitioner,

VS.

CITY OF RENO; CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERBVICES, "CCMSI"; the STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, **HEARINGS** DIVISION, an Agency of the State of Nevada: OF the STATE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, APPEALS DIVISION, an Agency of the MICHELLE State of Nevada; MORGANDO, ESQ., Sr. Appeals Officer; ESQ., RAJINDER NIELSEN, Appeals Officer, ATTORNEY GENERAL AARON FORD, ESQ.,

Respondents.

CASE NO.: CV19-01683

DEPT. NO.: 4

AMENDED BRIEFING SCHEDULE ORDER

On August 28, 2019, Petitioner KIMBERLY KLINE, by and through her attorney, Herb Santos, Jr., Esq. of the Law Firm of Herb Santos, Jr., filed a *Petition for Judicial Review*. On September 9, 2019, Respondent the CITY OF RENO and CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. (hereinafter "CCMSI"), by and through their attorney, Timothy E. Rowe, Esq. and Lisa Wiltshire Alstead, Esq. of McDonald Carano LLP, filed a *Statement of Intent to Participate*.

On September 18, 2019, Rajinder K. Rai-Nielsen, Esq., Appeals Officer, filed a Certification of Transmittal. Additionally, on September 18, 2019, the Record on Appeal In

Accordance with the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 233B of NRS) and a Transmittal of Record on Appeal were filed.

On October 16, 2019, an *Order for Briefing Schedule* was entered setting forth the briefing deadlines pursuant to NRS 233B.130.

On October 28, 2019, Petitioner KIMBERLY KLINE and Respondent CITY OF RENO and CCMSI filed a *Stipulation to Extend Time to File Briefs* wherein the parties stipulated and agreed that:

- 1. Petitioner have until December 15, 2019 in which to file her opening brief with supporting memorandum of points and authorities.
- 2. Respondent have until January 20, 2020 in which to file its Answering Brief with supporting memorandum of points and authorities.
- 3. Petitioner have until February 20, 2020 to file a Reply Brief with memorandum of points and authorities.

Thereafter, the matter was submitted for the Court's consideration.

Upon review of the pleadings and agreement of the parties, the Court finds that it is appropriate to modify the briefing deadlines.

Based upon the foregoing and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner must serve and file an Opening Brief (Points and Authorities) on or before December 15, 2019.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Respondents shall serve and file an Answering Brief (Points and Authorities) on or before January 20, 2020.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner must serve and file a Reply Brief (Points and Authorities) on or before February 20, 2020.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's failure to file an Opening Brief within the time limitation herein above stated shall be deemed an admission that the appeal was not well founded and shall constitute adequate grounds for dismissal of the appeal.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that upon briefs having been filed pursuant to this Order, the matter must be formally submitted to the Court.

DATED this 4 day of November, 2019.

Connie J. Steinheimer

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AARON FORD, ESQ.,

Respondents.

Case No.: CV19-01683

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ORDER GRANTING STIPULATION TO EXTEND DEADLINES

The parties hereto having stipulated above to extend the time periods set forth in NRS 233B.133, and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

- Petitioner shall have until February 24, 2020 in which to file her opening brief with supporting memorandum of point and authorities.
- 2. The Respondent shall have until March 24, 2020 in which to file its Answering Brief with supporting

memorandum of points and authorities.

3. Petitioner shall have until April 24, 2020 to file a Reply Brief with memorandum of points and authorities.

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
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Respondents.

SECOND AMENDED BRIEFING SCHEDULE ORDER

On August 28, 2019, Petitioner KIMBERLY KLINE, by and through her attorney, Herb Santos, Jr., Esq. of the Law Firm of Herb Santos, Jr., filed a *Petition for Judicial Review*. On September 9, 2019, Respondent the CITY OF RENO and CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. (hereinafter "CCMSI"), by and through their attorney, Timothy E. Rowe, Esq. and Lisa Wiltshire Alstead, Esq. of McDonald Carano LLP, filed a *Statement of Intent to Participate*.

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On October 16, 2019, an *Order for Briefing Schedule* was entered setting forth the briefing deadlines pursuant to NRS 233B.130.

On October 28, 2019, Petitioner KIMBERLY KLINE and Respondent CITY OF RENO and CCMSI filed a *Stipulation to Extend Time to File Briefs* wherein the parties stipulated and agreed to extend the deadline to file Petitioner's opening brief to December 15, 2019, and Respondent's answering brief to January 20, 2020.

On November 4, 2019, an *Amended Briefing Schedule Order* was entered extending the briefing deadlines in accordance with the October 28, 2019 stipulation. On November 7, 2019, Petitioner KIMBERLY KLINE filed a *Notice of Entry of Order*.

On December 12, 2019, Petitioner KIMBERLY KLINE and Respondent CITY OF RENO and CCMSI filed a second *Stipulation to Extend Time to File Briefs* wherein the parties stipulated and agreed to extend the deadline to file Petitioner's opening brief to January 14, 2020, and Respondent's answering brief to February 14, 2020.

On December 20, 2019, an *Order granting* stipulation to extend time periods set forth in NRS 233B.133 was entered extending the briefing deadlines in accordance with the December 12, 2019 second stipulation. On January 9, 2020, Petitioner KIMBERLY KLINE filed a *Notice of Entry of Order*.

On January 13, 2020, Petitioner KIMBERLY KLINE and Respondent CITY OF RENO and CCMSI filed a third *Stipulation to Extend Time to File Briefs* wherein the parties stipulated and agreed to extend the deadline to file Petitioner's opening brief to February 24, 2020 and Respondent's answering brief to March 24, 2020.

On January 16, 2020, an *Order Granting Stipulation to Extend Deadlines* was entered extending the briefing deadlines in accordance with the January 13, 2020 third stipulation. On January 21, 2020, Petitioner KIMBERLY KLINE filed a *Notice of Entry of Order*.

On February 24, 2020, KIMBERLY KLINE filed Petitioner's Opening Brief.

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On March 20, 2020, Petitioner KIMBERLY KLINE and Respondent CITY OF RENO and CCMSI filed a fourth *Stipulation to Extend Briefing Deadlines* wherein the parties stipulated and agreed to extend the deadline for Respondent's answering brief to April 23, 2020 and Petitioner's reply brief to May 23, 2020.

Upon review of the pleadings and agreement of the parties, the Court finds that it is appropriate to modify the briefing deadlines.

Based upon the foregoing and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Stipulation to Extend Briefing Deadlines filed on March 20, 2020 is GRANTED.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Respondents shall serve and file an Answering Brief (Points and Authorities) on or before April 23, 2020.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner must serve and file a Reply Brief (Points and Authorities) on or before May 23, 2020.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that upon briefs having been filed pursuant to this Order, the matter must be formally submitted to the Court.

DATED this 25 day of March, 2020.

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 CASE NO. CV19-01683 3 I certify that I am an employee of the SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of the 4 STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE; that on the 25 day of March, 2020, I filed 5 the SECOND AMENDED BRIEFING SCHEDULE ORDER with the Clerk of the Court. 6 I further certify that I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing document by the 7 method(s) noted below: 8 Personal delivery to the following: [NONE] 9 XX Electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court, using the eFlex system which constitutes effective service for all eFiled documents pursuant to the eFile User Agreement. 10 TIMOTHY ROWE, ESQ. for CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, CITY 11 OF RENO 12 LISA ALSTEAD, ESQ. for CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, CITY OF **RENO** 13 HERBERT SANTOS, JR., ESQ. for KIMBERLY M KLINE 14 Transmitted document to the Second Judicial District Court mailing system in a sealed envelope for postage and mailing by Washoe County using the United States Postal Service 15 in Reno, Nevada: [NONE] 16 Placed a true copy in a sealed envelope for service via: 17 Reno/Carson Messenger Service – [NONE] 18 Federal Express or other overnight delivery service [NONE] 19 DATED this 25 day of March, 2020. 20 21 22 23

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