WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MARTHA LEZAMA, Applicant

VS.

KELLERMEYER BERGENSONS SERVICES; ZURICH INSURANCE, as administered by GALLAGHER BASSETT, *Defendants*

Adjudication Number: ADJ8656214 Santa Ana District Office

OPINION AND DECISION AFTER RECONSIDERATION

Cost petitioner Supreme Copy Service seeks reconsideration of the Findings of Fact and Order (F&O) issued by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) in this matter on September 9, 2024. In that decision, the WCJ determined that Supreme Copy Service was not entitled to payment on their petition for medical-legal services.

Cost Petitioner contends its services were reimbursable because they were costs and expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of applicant for the purpose of proving or disproving a contested claim.

We received an Answer from defendant. The WCJ prepared a Report and Recommendation on Petition for Reconsideration (Report), recommending that the Petition be denied.

On December 13, 2024, we granted reconsideration of the F&O to further study the factual and legal issues presented.

Subsequently, the parties participated in a commissioners' settlement conference at our request. The parties recently agreed to resolve this matter by stipulation. On May 15, 2025, the parties submitted a fully executed Stipulation and Award and/or Order to resolve the cost petition in the amount of \$708.60 as full and final settlement of the dispute. The stipulation, signed on May 14, 2025, by representative Ani Balian for cost petitioner, and Hilary Satzman, attorney for defendant, provides as follows:

Having waived the provisions of Labor Code §5313, the parties stipulate as follows:

Supreme Copy Service, Inc. and Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. agree to resolve Supreme's outstanding copy service balance of \$917.42, for a total sum of \$708.60 for any and all dates of service on the above referenced case. This settlement resolves the matter of Supreme's CCR 10786 Medical-Legal Reimbursement Petition along with any issues of penalties and interest regarding the same. Defendant will have 30 days to issue payment to Supreme Copy as follows, following the approval of the settlement by the WCAB. If payment is timely issued by defendant within 30 days, no additional claims for penalties or interest shall accrue. Payment to be issued to:

Supreme Copy Service, Inc. P.O. Box 2849 Van Nuys, CA 91404 Tax ID: 27-4177253

We conclude that the Stipulations filed by cost petitioner and defendant should be approved.

We commend the parties for engaging in good faith negotiations and successfully resolving this matter without the need for further litigation.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the Findings of Fact and Order issued on September 9, 2024, be **RESCINDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Stipulations, Award and/or Order submitted by cost petitioner Supreme Copy Service, Inc., and defendant Zurich Insurance, as administered by Gallagher Bassett, filed on May 15, 2025, be **APPROVED.**

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ KATHERINE WILLIAMS DODD, COMMISSIONER

/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

May 16, 2025

SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.

SUPREME COPY SERVICES, INC. BARRAGAN & SATZMAN

SAR/abs

I certify that I affixed the official seal of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to this original decision on this date. *abs*