BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

VANESSA MOORE	CLAIMANT
VS.	MWCC NO. 1200788-M-0696-C
WALMART ASSOCIATES, INC.	EMPLOYER
AND	
NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH, PA	CARRIER

AGREED ORDER OF INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION

The above-captioned cause comes on for consideration before this Administrative Judge upon submission by both parties of an Agreed Order for an Independent Medical Examination (IME) with Dr. Robert McGuire to address the back claim at issue in this case; and Dr. Gene Barrett to address the knee claim in this case, for the purposes of determining whether Claimant's symptoms are related to the injury as alleged in her Petition to Controvert, whether any additional treatment is required for claimant's alleged work related injury, including whether surgery is appropriate; and if no additional treatment is determined as needed to address the work related injury, to provide claimant's date of maximum medical improvement, impairment ratings or work restrictions, if any.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. That the Administrative Law Judge appoints Dr. McGuire and Dr. Barrett to address the back claim and knee claim respectively, to conduct an Independent Medical Examination to determine whether Claimant's symptoms are related to the injury as alleged in her Petition to Controvert, whether any additional treatment is required for claimant's alleged work related injury,

including whether surgery is appropriate; and if no additional treatment is determined as needed to address the work related injury, to provide claimant's date of maximum medical improvement, impairment ratings or work restrictions, if any. Said evaluation is to include diagnostic studies and testing deemed necessary by Dr. McGuire and/or Dr. Barrett, including referrals to other professionals in other areas of expertise, if necessary, for the purpose of addressing Claimant's current condition as well as her reasonable and necessary medical treatment.

2. That Employer and Carrier will bear responsibility for providing to the appointed experts, prior to the evaluation, a copy of all medical information which has been filed with the Commission by any party to the above-captioned action. The Employer and Carrier will bear responsibility for providing reasonable and necessary travel expenses to the Claimant prior to the date of the evaluation, and also for paying the cost of the evaluation performed by Dr. McGuire and Dr. Barrett, and any referrals and/or tests associated with such appointments.

3. That the experts appointed may consider this Order proper authorization to consult with other physicians or medical providers, where such consultations are necessary to provide a thorough evaluation of the Claimant's condition.

4. That the attorneys and their clients shall refrain from conducting any ex parte communications with the experts identified herein about this matter except as is necessary from an administrative standpoint.

5. That, by this Order, this Administrative Judge requests the appointed experts as identified herein to conduct Independent Medical Examinations and provide a copy of their report of said evaluation to this Commission at P. O. Box 5300, Jackson, Mississippi 39296-5300, a written

narrative report of the examination and evaluation, which report shall address the specific treatment recommendations for Claimant, including opinions as to surgery, if applicable; Claimant's current condition as to disability status including MMI, if applicable, and rating, if any; and any work restrictions presently assigned to Claimant by virtue of her work-related injury, if any. Said report shall be made part of the record of this case.

6. That the attorney for the Employer and Carrier shall schedule these IME appointments and will notify counsel opposite of the date and time.

SO ORDERED this the 19th day of December, 2013.

Emily A. Thompson
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

ATTEST:

Joyce Wells

Joyce Wells, Secretary

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AGREED TO AND SUBMITTED BY:

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