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CONSULTATIVE RATING DETERMINATION

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Employee: PEPPER SMITH  
DEU Case No: DEU16540205 Age at date of injury: 51  
Occupation: DMV MANAGER I Claim No: 06758786

WORKERS DEFENDERS SCIF STATE EMPLOYEES LEGAL  
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Date of Injury (DOI): 07-31-2022  
Treating Physician: Eric E. Gofnung, D.C. 08-30-2023

RATING PER 2013 PDRS - BEFORE APPORTIONMENT

CERVICAL DX: UNOPERATED FIVE UNSPECIFIED LEVELS: 10 WP  
CERVICAL ROM: S:40-0-44 F:40-0-35 R:70-0-68: 6 WP  
10 C 6 = 15 WP (CORRECTED)  
15.01.02.02 - 15 - [1.4]21 - 111C - 16 - 18 PD (A)

L ARM 100% LOSS OF GRIP STRENGTH: 30 UE = 18 WP  
16.01.04.00 - 18 - [1.4]25 - 111E - 23 - 26 PD (A)

R ARM 100% LOSS OF GRIP STRENGTH: 30 UE = 18 WP  
16.01.04.00 - 18 - [1.4]25 - 111E - 23 - 26 PD (A)

(A) 26 C 26 C 18 = 55 FINAL PD

SEE PAGE 13 OF REPORT FOR CONDITIONS DEFERRED TO SPECIALIST(S).

PHYSICIAN DID NOT ASSESS ANY SPINAL NERVE ROOT DEFICIT WHICH IS A COMPONENT OF THE ROM METHOD. UNCLEAR IF INJURED MEETS CRITERIA FOR USE OF ROM METHOD, SEE SECTION 15.2A #4, AMA GUIDES PAGE 380. RATING ASSUMES CRITERIA FOR USE OF CERVICAL ROM METHOD MET.

ETIOLOGY FOR BILATERAL GRIP STRENGTH LOSS UNCLEAR FROM REPORT. ALSO, A COMPLETE LOSS OF GRIP STRENGTH IS RARE. RATING ASSUMES FULL EFFORT WAS MADE DURING TESTING. STRENGTH CANNOT BE RATED IF MAXIMUM APPLICATION OF FORCE IS PREVENTED BY PAIN, AMPUTATION, DECREASED MOTION, OR DEFORMITY.

AFTER APPORTIONMENT, IF CONSISTENT WITH THE LAW:

100%(18) C 50%(26) C 50%(26) = 18 C 13 C 13 = 38 PD

Ann Simshauser

01-18-2024



Disability Evaluator

Rating Reference No:3615258

Date