
In the Matter of the Compensation of
TERESA A. BENDER, Claimant
Own Motion No. 05-0194M
OWN MOTION ORDER
Unrepresented Claimant
Liberty NW Ins Corp, Insurance Carrier

Reviewing Panel: Members Biehl and Lowell.

The insurer has submitted claimant's request for reopening of her Own Motion claim for a worsened condition. ORS 656.278(1)(a) (2001). Claimant's aggravation rights have expired. The insurer recommends reopening of claimant's 1996 claim under ORS 656.278(1)(a) (2001).

Based on the record, we are persuaded that claimant meets the criteria necessary for her claim to be reopened for a "worsening" of her previously accepted left hand conditions. ORS 656.278(1)(a) (2001); *Jeffrey C. Davis*, 56 Van Natta 3279 (2004). Accordingly, we authorize the reopening of the claim for the insurer to process in accordance with law. When claimant's conditions are medically stationary, the insurer shall close the claim pursuant to OAR 438-012-0055.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Entered at Salem, Oregon on May 31, 2005