

In the Matter of the Compensation of  
**PHILLIP VALENTINE, Claimant**  
WCB Case No. 18-03859  
ORDER ON REVIEW  
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Reviewing Panel: Members Curey and Lanning.

Claimant requests review of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Fulsher's order that upheld the self-insured employer's denial of claimant's new/omitted medical condition claim for left sciatica and sacroiliac sprain. On review, the issue is compensability.

We adopt and affirm the ALJ's order, with the following supplementation.

Claimant treated with Dr. Beck, a chiropractor, between April 27, 2018 and June, 13, 2019. Dr. Beck diagnosed low back pain, left sciatica, and sacroiliac sprain.

Furthermore, we acknowledge claimant's contention that Dr. Barnard's diagnoses of "subluxation of the sacral region and left sacroiliac joint" support Dr. Arden's opinion that the claimed left sciatica and sacroiliac sprain exist. Nonetheless, as reasoned by the ALJ, Dr. Barnard did not indicate that those conditions were materially related to claimant's October 2015 work incident. Thus, we agree with the ALJ's ultimate conclusion that Dr. Barnard's opinion does not persuasively support the compensability of the claimed conditions. In any event, for the reasons expressed in the ALJ's order, we find the opinions authored by Drs. Kane and Bell to be the most persuasive and, as such, claimant had not established the compensability of his claimed new/omitted medical conditions.

Accordingly, based on the aforementioned reasoning, we affirm the ALJ's decision.

ORDER

The ALJ's order dated March 25, 2019 is affirmed.

Entered at Salem, Oregon on October 10, 2019