

## COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA

Present: Judges Alston, Decker and Senior Judge Coleman

JERRY L. ADAMS

v. Record No. 1697-13-3

LOWE & NELSON, INC.,  
THE VIRGINIA CONTRACTORS GROUP  
SELF-INSURANCE ASSOCIATION AND  
PMA MANAGEMENT CORP., TPA

MEMORANDUM OPINION\*  
PER CURIAM  
MARCH 11, 2014

FROM THE VIRGINIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

(Jerry Adams, pro se, on brief).

(Jonnie L. Speight; Johnson, Ayers & Matthews, P.L.C., on brief),  
for appellees.

Jerry L. Adams (claimant) appeals a decision of the Workers' Compensation Commission finding that Lowe & Nelson, Inc., The Virginia Contractors Group Self-Insurance Association and PMA Management Corp., TPA (employer) is not responsible for payment of claimant's proposed shoulder surgery. On appeal, claimant contends the commission erred in (1) finding employer is not responsible for payment of the proposed surgery and (2) placing great weight on the medical opinion of Dr. Robert B. Stephenson. We have reviewed the record and the commission's opinion and find that this appeal is without merit.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, we affirm for the reasons stated by the commission in its final opinion. See Adams v. Lowe & Nelson, JCN

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\* Pursuant to Code § 17.1-413, this opinion is not designated for publication.

<sup>1</sup> Claimant failed to comply with Rule 5A:20(c) and 5A:20(d). His opening brief did not include an exact reference to the appendix or record where the assignments of error were preserved or a statement of facts with references to the appendix or record. Furthermore, the appendix did not include the commission's opinion. Appellant filed an amended opening brief but failed to correct these deficiencies.

1738808 (Aug. 12, 2013). We dispense with oral argument and summarily affirm because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the Court and argument would not aid the decisional process. See Code § 17.1-403; Rule 5A:27.

Affirmed.