### WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### RAMIRO GAMBOA MORENO, Applicant

VS.

# AMERICAN SUNROOF CORP.; OAK RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY, administered by BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOMESTATE COMPANIES, *Defendants*

Adjudication Numbers: ADJ9972070; ADJ7005764
Anaheim District Office

## OPINION AND DECISION AFTER RECONSIDERATION

Lien Claimant, Beatriz Campos Interpreting petitioned for reconsideration of the Joint Findings of Fact and Orders issued by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) in this matter on August 18, 2021. In that decision, the WCJ found that the lien claimant failed to establish that its services were reasonably and actually provided in ADJ9972070, and that they failed to prove applicant sustained injury arising out of and in the course of employment in ADJ7005764. The WCJ ordered that Beatriz Campos Interpreting take nothing and disallowed their lien as to both cases.

Petitioner, Beatriz Campos Interpreting contends in its petition for reconsideration that the WCJ erred in finding that lien claimant failed to establish its services as both reasonable and necessary, and the evidence supports both the need for an interpreter as well as that the services were actually provided.

Petitioner requests that the WCJ rescind her Joint Findings of Fact and Orders and issue a finding and order for full payment of its lien.

The WCJ issued a report in which she recommended that the lien claimant's petition be denied.

We granted reconsideration to further study the factual and legal issues presented.

Subsequently, the parties participated in a commissioners' settlement conference at our request and agreed to resolve this matter by stipulation. On January 26, 2023, the parties executed

and filed a joint Stipulation to pay Lien Claimant settling the matter for \$1,500.00 as full and final settlement of the dispute. The stipulation, signed by Representative H. Robert Griffin for lien claimant, and Renee Goggins, counsel for defendant, Oak River Insurance, provides as follows:

Lien Claimant, Beatriz Campos Interpreting, retains an outstanding balance of \$7,665, not inclusive of potential penalties and interests for the services provided in the above referenced case.

Lien Claimant being represented by Robert Griffin and Defendant being represented by Renee Goggins with Daniel Goggins & Associates, agree to resolve the above referenced amount for a total sum of \$1,500.00 to fully resolve Beatriz Campos's lien and Petition for Reconsideration.

This settlement resolves any and all dates of service for Beatriz Campos Interpreting in the case at bar along with all penalties, interests, and costs involving same. Beatriz Campos Interpreting's Petition for Reconsideration is now withdrawn and all issues are resolved.

Payment will be made upon receipt of WCAB approval, with the signed Award/Order by the WCAB.

We conclude that the Stipulations filed by lien claimant and defendant is adequate and should be approved.

Finally, we commend the parties for engaging in good faith negotiations and successfully resolving this matter without the need for further litigation.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the Joint Findings of Fact and Orders issued August 18, 2021, be RESCINDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the Stipulations of lien claimant Beatriz Campos Interpreting and Oak River Insurance, by and through their representatives, executed and filed on January 26, 2023, be APPROVED.

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

### /s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR

/s/ CRAIG SNELLINGS, COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

**FEBRUARY 13, 2023** 

SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.

ASSOCIATED LIEN SERVICES GOGGINS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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I certify that I affixed the official seal of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to this original decision on this date.