

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

JAMES BURCHFIELD,)	No. ED99151
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Appellant,)	Appeal from the Labor and
)	Industrial Relations Commission
vs.)	
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RENARD PAPER COMPANY, INC.,)	
)	
Respondent.)	FILED: July 16, 2013

James Burchfield appeals from the final award of the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission (“Commission”) denying workers’ compensation benefits. Burchfield was injured while working for his then-employer, Renard Paper Company, Inc. (“Employer”), and subsequently developed hearing loss. Burchfield applied for workers’ compensation benefits. After a hearing, an administrative law judge (“ALJ”) denied his claim on the basis that he failed to produce sufficient competent evidence of medical causation. Burchfield appeals from the Commission’s final award denying benefits and affirming the ALJ’s decision, and alleges that the ALJ erred in refusing to admit into evidence medical records offered by Burchfield during the hearing.

AFFIRMED.

Division Four holds: Burchfield failed to establish proper evidentiary foundation for the medical records at issue, which bars admission of the same records. Accordingly, the ALJ did not err in denying Burchfield’s request to admit the records into evidence, and the Commission did not err in affirming the ALJ’s decision denying Burchfield workers’ compensation benefits.

Opinion by: Kurt S. Odenwald, J., Lawrence E. Mooney, P.J., and Patricia L. Cohen, J., Concur.

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