U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of BEATRICE L. MUELLER <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, MEDICAL CENTER, Buffalo, N.Y.

Docket No. 97-332; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 25, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant established that she sustained a recurrence of disability on July 12, 1995 causally related to the accepted work injury.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal, and the entire case record. The Board finds that the October 9, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and therefore adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.¹

The October 9, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. August 25, 1998

> Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member

¹ See Clement Jay After Buffalo, 45 ECAB 707 (1994).