### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

# Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

## In the Matter of PATRICIA A. BALOGA and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Bayshore, N.Y.

Docket No. 97-2292; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 2, 1999

### **DECISION** and **ORDER**

### Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS

The issue is whether appellant has established that she sustained a recurrence of disability causally related to her May 26, 1996 employment 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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized on June 12, 1997 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 12, 1997 and September 20, 1996<sup>1</sup> are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 2, 1999

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The decision was dated on September 16, 1996 and released on September 20, 1996.