U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of BOOKER T. ADAMS <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Los Angeles, Calif.

Docket No. 98-371; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 16, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly suspended appellant's entitlement to compensation benefits based on his refusal to undergo a medical examination.

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 dated August 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 August 12 and March 11, 1997 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 16, 1999

> Michael J. Walsh Chairman

David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member