

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of MARJORIE M. BROWNE and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
POST OFFICE, Pinellas Park, Fla.

*Docket No. 98-82; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued June 4, 1999*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant sustained an emotional condition in the performance of duty.

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 July 10, 1997 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated July 10, 1997 is hereby affirmed.<sup>1</sup>

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
June 4, 1999

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member

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<sup>1</sup> Notwithstanding the Board's affirmance of the Office's July 10, 1997 decision denying benefits, the Board finds that appellant is entitled to reimbursement for or payment of expenses incurred for medical treatment for the period February 9, 1996, the date the employing establishment official signed the Form CA-16, authorization for examination and/or treatment, to March 10, 1996, the date 60 days from the official's signature, as such authorization was not terminated before that period. By Form CA-16, authorization for examination and/or treatment, signed by an employing establishment official on February 9, 1996, the employing establishment authorized appellant's physician, Dr. Gary G. Holland, a specialist in general practice, to provide medical care for a period of up to 60 days from that date. The employing establishment's authorization for appellant to obtain medical examination and/or treatment created a contractual obligation to pay for the cost of necessary medical treatment and emergency surgery regardless of the action taken on the claim. *Robert F. Hamilton*, 41 ECAB 431 (1990); *Frederick J. Williams*, 35 ECAB 805 (1984); 20 C.F.R. § 10.403.