

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of CONNIE L. EDWARDS and OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT,
RETIREMENT OPERATIONS CENTER, Boyers, PA

*Docket No. 99-474; Submitted on the Record;
Issued April 18, 2000*

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant established that she sustained a recurrence of disability on or after July 18, 1996 that was causally related to her employment injury on September 7, 1994.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized on August 5, 1998, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.¹

Accordingly, the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Program dated August 5, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
April 18, 2000

George E. Rivers
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member

¹ Appellant submitted additional medical evidence after the Office hearing representative's August 5, 1998 decision. The Board, however, may not review evidence for the first time on appeal that was not before the Office at the time it issued its final decision; *see* 20 C.F.R. § 501.2(c). This decision does not preclude appellant from submitting her evidence along with a request for reconsideration to the Office.