U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of MARTHA M. WEAVER <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Capitol Heights, MD

Docket No. 99-678; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 23, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issues are: (1) whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly denied appellant's claim for compensation from June 23 to August 6, 1996 and from August 27 to October 8, 1996; and (2) whether the Office properly denied appellant's claim for medical expenses for treatment by Dr. Moon.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issues involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the October 16, 1998 decision of the Office hearing representative, finalized on October 19, 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

¹ The medical evidence appellant submitted consisting of Dr. Jackson's and Dr. Azer's medical reports did not establish that appellant's disabling medical condition during the relevant time periods was causally related to the accepted condition of cervical and left shoulder strain. Further, appellant did not establish that Dr. Moon's treatment was for a condition resulting from her cervical and left shoulder strain.

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated October 16, 1998 and finalized on October 19, 1998, December 17 and December 11, 1997 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. February 23, 2000

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member