

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of KEITH R. CHOPIC and DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE,  
YOUNGSTOWN ARS, Vienna, VA

*Docket No. 02-791; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued September 3, 2002*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant is entitled to a schedule award.

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 the January 9, 2002 decision 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.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Appellant is not entitled to a schedule award because the medical evidence establishes that appellant has a 5 percent whole person impairment due to his inguinal hernia pursuant to the American Medical Association, *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2002), and the Federal Employees' Compensation Act does not provide schedule awards for inguinal hernias. *See Leroy M. Terska*, 53 ECAB \_\_\_\_ (Docket No. 01-980, issued November 29, 2001); *Billy D. Alkire*, 32 ECAB 1389, 1391 (1981).

The January 9, 2002 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC  
September 3, 2002

David S. Gerson  
Alternate Member

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member