U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of IRMA D. PAYNES <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, Atlanta, GA

Docket No. 03-1944; Submitted on the Record; Issued December 12, 2003

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly denied appellant continuation of pay on the grounds that written notice of injury was not filed within 30 days of the date of the injury.

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 May 5, 2003 decision of the Office 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 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated May 5, 2003 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC December 12, 2003

> David S. Gerson Alternate Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member