

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of GLORIA E. HARRIS and DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, Saginaw, Mich.

*Docket No. 96-1576; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued July 2, 1998*

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DECISION and ORDER

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

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing that she sustained a recurrence of disability after January 8, 1995 that was causally related to her accepted employment injury of February 24, 1994.

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 April 1, 1996 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, finalized on April 2, 1996, is in accordance with the facts and 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> See *Robert S. Winchester*, 45 ECAB 135 (1993).

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated April 2, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
July 2, 1998

David S. Gerson  
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member