## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of QUILLA M. WASHINGTON <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, Bay Pines, Fla.

Docket No. 96-1853; Submitted on the Record; Issued November 17, 1998

## **DECISION** and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant met her burden of proof in establishing that her continuing condition and/or disability are causally related to her accepted employment-related injuries.

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 March 19, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 19, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. November 17, 1998

> David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member