U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of MARGARET C. CLARK <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, Philadelphia, PA

Docket No. 00-1565; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 9, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly denied appellant's compensation claim on the grounds that her claim was not filed within the applicable time limitation provisions of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

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 December 30, 1999 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 December 30, 1999 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC April 9, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab Alternate Member