

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ANN K. FORMELLER and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Southeastern, PA

*Docket No. 01-961; Submitted on the Record;
Issued November 9, 2001*

DECISION and ORDER

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, MICHAEL E. GROOM,
PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant has more than a 19 percent permanent impairment to her left arm for which she received 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 October 11, 2000 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.¹

¹ The Board finds that the Office properly determined that the opinion of the district medical adviser that appellant had a 19 percent permanent impairment to her left arm pursuant to the American Medical Association, *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (4th ed. 1994) was rationalized and constitutes the weight of the evidence. See *Kenneth D. Loney*, 47 ECAB 660, 662 (1996).

The October 11 and February 22, 2000 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC
November 9, 2001

Michael J. Walsh
Chairman

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab
Alternate Member