## **United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board**

R.A., Appellant and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION CENTER, Carol Stream, IL, Employer	) ) ) ) ) )	Docket No. 10-1691 Issued: April 15, 2011
Appearances: Appellant, pro se Office of Solicitor, for the Director	,	Case Submitted on the Record

## ORDER REMANDING CASE

Before:
RICHARD J. DASCHBACH, Chief Judge
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Judge
COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, Judge

On June 4, 2010 appellant filed an appeal from a March 24, 2010 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (Docket No. 10-1691). In that decision, the Office denied appellant's claim for a schedule award with respect to her January 6, 2001 employment injury (xxxxxx509) for both upper extremities. The March 24, 2010 decision noted that appellant had previously received a schedule award on September 15, 2009 under claim number xxxxxx636, which pertained to a March 10, 2005 employment injury. Appellant's 2005 injury involved the right upper extremity.

On June 4, 2009, the Office combined appellant's two upper extremity claims, xxxxxx509 and xxxxx636, and designated claim number xxxxxx636 as the master file. The September 15, 2009 schedule award was for eight percent impairment of each upper extremity. That decision has since been set aside and the master file (xxxxxx636) is currently undergoing further medical development pursuant to a January 13, 2011 decision of the Branch of Hearings and Review.

As the March 24, 201 decision of the Office concerns bilateral upper extremity impairment, this case is not in posture for decision. Upon further development of both claims for permanent impairment of the upper extremities, an appropriate merit decision should be issued.<sup>1</sup>

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the appeal docketed as No. 10-1691 is remanded for further action consistent with this order of the Board.

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> Richard J. Daschbach, Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

> Alec J. Koromilas, Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

> Colleen Duffy Kiko, Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There will be no appeal with respect to any interlocutory matter decided, or not decided by the Office during the pendency of a case. *See* 20 C.F.R. §§ 501.2(c)(2), 501.3(a) (2010).