

asking appellant submit medical evidence in support of her claim. He disagreed with an OWCP medical adviser's assessment of permanent impairment. Dr. Ignacio explained how his rating was based upon particular provisions of the American Medical Association, *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (A.M.A., *Guides*).³ OWCP received this report on August 8 and again on August 15, 2014. In the August 25, 2014 decision, it denied appellant's claim for an additional schedule award on the basis of the medical adviser's reports dated February 14, May 30 and August 13, 2014 which found that Dr. Ignacio had not properly used the A.M.A., *Guides*. OWCP noted receiving reports from Dr. Ignacio dated July 8, October 9 and 29, December 16, 2013, April 4 and August 13, 2014. It did not note receipt or consideration of Dr. Ignacio's July 24, 2014 report.

The Board finds that OWCP, in its August 25, 2014 decision, did not review the report from Dr. Ignacio dated July 24, 2014 that was received by OWCP on August 8 and 15, 2014. For this reason, the case will be remanded to OWCP to enable it to properly consider all the evidence submitted at the time of the August 25, 2014 decision. Following such further development as OWCP deems necessary, it shall issue an appropriate merit decision on the claim.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the August 25, 2014 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs be set aside and the case remanded to OWCP for further proceedings consistent with this order.

Issued: August 21, 2015
Washington, DC

Christopher J. Godfrey, Chief Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Colleen Duffy Kiko, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

³ A.M.A., *Guides* (6th ed. 2008).