

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of CAROLYN G. GILES and DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, Birmingham, Ala.

*Docket No 96-1773; Submitted on the Record;
Issued April 23, 1998*

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON,
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has established that her back condition was causally related to her job duties or an event occurring while in the performance of her employment.

The Board has duly reviewed the case record and concludes that appellant has not met her burden of proof in this case.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized on February 2, 1996, is in accordance with the facts and law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative. Appellant has not established that her back condition was caused by an occupational or traumatic injury occurring in the performance of her federal employment.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized on February 2, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
April 23, 1998

George E. Rivers
Member

David S. Gerson
Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member