

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of KLENN S. GRANT and DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITAL, Billings, Mont.

*Docket No. 96-1325; Submitted on the Record;
Issued March 5, 1998*

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof in establishing that he sustained a recurrence of disability causally related to his accepted back injury sustained on April 21, 1993.

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 February 13, 1996 decision, of the Office's hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and therefore adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The February 13, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
March 5, 1998

George E. Rivers
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member