

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ANDREA M. CARACIOLO and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Southeastern, PA

*Docket No. 99-1443; Submitted on the Record;
Issued January 26, 2001*

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT,
PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant has more than a 27 percent impairment of each of her upper extremities for which she received schedule awards.

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 December 10, 1998 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 October 22, 1997 opinion of the impartial medical specialist, Dr. Kevin A. Mansmann, indicating that appellant had mild ulnar and median entrapment and mild brachial plexopathy combined with the November 26, 1997 opinion of the district medical adviser, who relied on Dr. Mansmann's physical findings and properly used the American Medical Association, *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (4th ed. 1994) to determine that appellant had a 27 impairment in each of her upper extremities, constitutes the weight of the evidence. See *Kathryn Haggerty*, 45 ECAB 383, 389 (1994); *Arthur E. Anderson*, 43 ECAB 691, 697 (1992).

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated December 10, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC
January 26, 2001

David S. Gerson
Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab
Alternate Member