

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of VICTORIA L. TAYLOR and DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, Pittsburgh, PA

*Docket No. 00-731; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued May 2, 2001*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT,  
PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing that she sustained a recurrence of disability commencing October 17, 1997, causally related to her December 9, 1993 employment injury.

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 May 3, 1999 decision of the hearing representative 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.

The May 3, 1999 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is hereby affirmed.<sup>1</sup>

Dated, Washington, DC  
May 2, 2001

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Member

Bradley T. Knott  
Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab  
Alternate Member

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<sup>1</sup> The Board notes that this case record contains evidence which was submitted subsequent to the Office's May 3, 1999 decision. The Board has no jurisdiction to review this evidence for the first time on appeal; *see* 20 C.F.R. § 501.2(c); *James C. Campbell*, 5 ECAB 35, 36 n. 2 (1952).