

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of KAREN COMEAUX and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
MANAGEMENT SECTION CENTER, Baton Rouge, LA

*Docket No. 01-1826; Submitted on the Record;
Issued March 27, 2002*

DECISION and ORDER

Before ALEC J. KOROMILAS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant suffered a recurrence of her August 17, 1999 accepted employment injury on or after October 11, 2000.

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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized on November 20, 2000¹ is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

¹ The Board notes that appellant submitted new medical evidence subsequent to Office's November 20, 2000 decision. However, the Board's jurisdiction is limited to a review of the evidence before the Office at the time of its final decision. Therefore the Board cannot consider that evidence for the first time on appeal. *See* 20 C.F.R. § 501.2(c). Appellant may submit this evidence to the Office with a request for reconsideration.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized November 20, 2000 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC
March 27, 2002

Alec J. Koromilas
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member