

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of SCOTT T. BARNES and DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION, Phoenix, AZ

*Docket No. 02-2057; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued February 4, 2003*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant established that he sustained a headache condition causally related to the work-related injury of June 1, 1998.

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 March 14, 2002 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.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The medical evidence appellant submitted to establish that his headache condition was causally related to the work injury of June 1, 1998, consisting of the reports of his treating physician, Dr. Maria S. Tabilon, a Board-certified internist; and Dr. Lawrence J. Liszewski, an osteopath, lacked adequate rationale in establishing a causal connection between appellant's current medical condition and his June 1, 1998 employment injury. *See Theron J. Barham*, 34 ECAB 1070 (1983) (where the Board found that a vague and unrationalized medical opinion on causal relationship had little probative value).

The March 14, 2002 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC  
February 4, 2003

Colleen Duffy Kiko  
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member