U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board
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In the Matter of LEONOR SANTODOMINGO and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Miami, FL

Docket No. 00-364; Submitted on the Record;
Issued January 26, 2001
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DECISION and ORDER

Before   DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant sustained an emotional condition causally related to factors of her federal employment.

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 made final on December 15, 1998 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]

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[1] To establish that he sustained an emotional condition causally related to factors of her federal employment, appellant must submit: (1) factual evidence identifying and supporting employment factors or incidents alleged to have caused or contributed to her condition; (2) rationalized medical evidence establishing that she has an emotional condition or psychiatric disorder; and (3) rationalized medical opinion evidence establishing that her emotional condition is causally related to the identified compensable employment factors; *see Kathleen D. Walker*, 42 ECAB 603 (1991). Unless a claimant establishes a compensable factor of employment, it is unnecessary to address the medical evidence of record. *Gary M. Carlo*, 47 ECAB 299, 305 (1996). Inasmuch as appellant failed to implicate any compensable employment factors, the Office hearing representative properly denied her claim without reaching the medical evidence of record.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated December 15, 1998 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC
      January 26, 2001

David S. Gerson
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member