United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of M.C., Appellant

and

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, HAMPTON VA MEDICAL CENTER, Hampton, VA, Employer

Docket No. 20-1266 Issued: March 4, 2024

Case Submitted on the Record

Appearances: Shannon Bravo, Esq., for the appellant *Office of Solicitor*, for the Director

ORDER GRANTING FEE PETITION

Before: PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

Counsel for appellant has filed a fee petition in the amount of 664.00.¹ The Board notes that all petitions for approval of fees for a representative's services are considered under the Board's statutory authority found at section 8127 of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act² (FECA) and under its *Rules of Procedure* found at 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e).

As required by the Board's regulations, appellant has been afforded written notice of the fee requested and provided an opportunity to comment on the fee petition.³ On August 12, 2020 the Clerk of the Appellate Boards received a signed statement dated July 1, 2020, in which appellant indicated that the requested fee of \$664.00 was reasonable and appropriate.

¹ FECA (5 U.S.C. § 8127(b)) and its implementing regulations (20 C.F.R. § 501.9) clearly require the Board to review each fee petition on its own merits and with regard to the unique facts and issues of each appeal.

² 5 U.S.C. § 8127.

³ 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e).

The Board has reviewed the fee petition and finds that it satisfies the requirements of section 501.9(e) of the Board's *Rules of Procedure*.⁴

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the fee petition is granted in the amount of \$664.00.

Issued: March 4, 2024 Washington, DC

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Janice B. Askin, Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board