

**United States Department of Labor
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board**

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| <p>P.S., Appellant</p> <p>and</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, Indianapolis, IN, Employer</p> | <p>)))))))))))</p> | <p>Docket No. 11-1411</p> <p>Issued: September 13, 2011</p> |
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Appearances:
Appellant, pro se
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Before:
RICHARD J. DASCHBACH, Chief Judge
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Judge
COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, Judge

By application dated May 24, 2011, appellant filed for review of a February 11, 2011 decision of an Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) that denied his claim for a left arm injury. The appeal was docketed as No.11-1411. Appellant submitted a timely request for oral argument, explaining the need to address the evidence of record before the Board. He described his employment incident and requested the Board review the medical evidence.

The Board has duly considered the matter and finds that appellant's request for oral argument should be granted. Pursuant to 20 C.F.R. § 501.5(a), oral argument may be held in the discretion of the Board.¹ In the present appeal, appellant's request was timely filed and a need for oral argument was advanced. The Board has jurisdiction over the merits of appellant's claim. The February 11, 2011 decision of OWCP denied appellant's claim for failure to establish a traumatic injury. Appellant contends that OWCP failed to properly review the medical evidence. The Board, in its discretion, grants oral argument.

¹ 20 C.F.R. § 501.5(a).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT appellant's request for oral argument in Docket No. 11-1411 be granted.

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