

No. xxxxxx514 will necessarily bear directly on appellant's claim for compensation in File No. xxxxxx627.

Because it is essential for the Board to review the medical evidence contained in file number xxxxxx514 in order to render a full and fair adjudication of the present appeal, this case will be remanded for OWCP to consolidate case files xxxxxx514 and xxxxxx627. Reconstruction of the record will be followed by a *de novo* decision on the merits of the claim, in order to protect appellant's appeal rights.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT February 23, 2011 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs be set aside and the case remanded for further development consistent with this order.

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Richard J. Daschbach, Chief Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Alec J. Koromilas, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Colleen Duffy Kiko, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board