



The record now before the Board under File No. xxxxxx344 does not contain any development of appellant's claim in File No. xxxxxx276. As appellant attributed his left knee condition under File No. xxxxxx344 to the injuries accepted under File No. xxxxxx276, it is necessary that OWCP consolidate the claims. Adjudicating appellant's claim under File No. xxxxxx344 without reviewing the medical evidence under File No. xxxxxx276 would raise the possibility of inconsistent results. It is the Board's policy to avoid such an outcome.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, the case will be set aside and remanded to OWCP to consolidate File No. xxxxxx344 with File No. xxxxxx276. Following such further development as OWCP deems necessary, it shall issue a *de novo* decision on the merits of the claim.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 27, 2013 is set aside and the case remanded for further action consistent with this order of the Board.

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

Colleen Duffy Kiko, Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Alec J. Koromilas, Alternate Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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<sup>1</sup> See *William T. McCracken*, 33 ECAB 1197 (1982).