



physician. In its December 12, 2014 decision, OWCP denied appellant's claim because he had failed to submit any medical evidence to establish causal relationship.

The Board finds that OWCP, in its December 12, 2014 decision, did not review all the evidence of record at the time it issued the decision to deny appellant's claim.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, the case will be remanded to permit OWCP to review all of the evidence. Following this and any further development deemed necessary, OWCP shall issue an appropriate merit decision on appellant's claim.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the December 12, 2014 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is set aside. The case is remanded to OWCP for further action consistent with this order of the Board.

Issued: July 29, 2015  
Washington, DC

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy 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>3</sup> The Board notes that OWCP did not follow its regulations which require that OWCP advise a claimant of the additional evidence needed to support his claim and allow 30 days in which to submit such evidence. In this case, OWCP's November 13, 2014 letter advised appellant of the type of evidence needed to establish his claim and allowed his 30 days in which to respond. OWCP's December 12, 2014 decision was issued prior to the end of the 30-day period. See 20 C.F.R. § 10.121; *J.V.*, Docket No. 13-295 (issued April 17, 2013).