

evidence to the opinion of its medical adviser and denied medical authorization for the requested procedure.

On February 10, 2017 appellant requested reconsideration. He noted in an attached February 6, 2017 statement that a similar procedure had been approved for his left carotid artery. Also attached was a January 5, 2017 procedure note in which Dr. Rucker reported that he had performed stent placement and balloon angioplasty to the proximal right internal carotid artery. Dr. Rucker related that indications for the procedure were that appellant had severe radiation-induced stenosis of the proximal right internal carotid artery that was symptomatic, characterized by presyncopal episodes and visual changes.

In a nonmerit decision dated May 9, 2017, OWCP denied appellant's February 10, 2017 request for reconsideration. It noted that the only evidence reviewed on reconsideration was appellant's February 6, 2017 narrative statement and that "[n]o other evidence was submitted in support of [the] claim."

The Board finds that, as OWCP failed to review the January 5, 2017 report of Dr. Rucker, the case will be remanded to OWCP to enable a proper consideration of the evidence of record at the time of its May 9, 2017 nonmerit decision. Following such further development as OWCP deems necessary, it shall issue an appropriate decision on appellant's request for reconsideration of the merits of his claim.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the May 9, 2017 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is set aside and the case is remanded to OWCP for further proceedings consistent with this order of the Board.

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