

D.P., Appellant

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES, CLAREMORE INDIAN
HOSPITAL, Claremore, OK, Employer**

Appearances:
Appellant, pro se
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge
 JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge
 VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On March 23, 2022 appellant filed an appeal from a September 22, 2021 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 22-0624.

The Board has duly considered the matter and notes that the Board has jurisdiction to review final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.¹ For final adverse decisions of OWCP issued on or after November 19, 2008, the Board's review authority is limited to appeals which are filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of OWCP's decision.²

The 180th day following the September 22, 2021 decision was March 21, 2022. As appellant did not file an appeal with the Board until March 23, 2022, more than 180 days after the September 22, 2021 OWCP decision, the Board finds that the appeal docketed as No. 22-0624 is untimely filed. The Board is without jurisdiction to review the appeal. Appellant has not offered a reason to explain the failure to timely file an appeal with supporting documentation

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 8149; 20 C.F.R. §§ 501.2(c) and 501.3(a) (2009).

² *Id.* at § 501.3(e).

sufficient to establish compelling circumstances. Because there is no final adverse decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the filing of the instant appeal, the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as No. 22-0624, must be dismissed.³ Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 22-0624 is dismissed.

Issued: April 28, 2022
Washington, DC

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

Janice B. Askin, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

³ The Board's decisions and orders are "final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance." *Id.* at § 501.6(d).