United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

B.V., Appellant)	
and)	Docket No. 22-0374
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, Morrisville, N.C., Employer))))	Issued: July 18, 2022
Appearances: Margaret Wilson, Representative, for the appellant Office of Solicitor, for the Director	ŕ	Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:

PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge JAMES D. McGINLEY, Alternate Judge

On January 10, 2022 the Clerk of the Appellate Boards inadvertently assigned Docket No. 22-0374 to a purported appeal from a decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP).

The Board, having duly considered the matter, notes that this appeal was filed by a health care provider in an effort to secure payment of medical expenses. Section 501.3(a) of the Board's *Rules of Procedure* provides that only a "person adversely affected by a final decision of the Director [of OWCP] or his or her authorized Representative, may file an appeal of such decision by the Board." Here, neither a "person adversely affected" by a final OWCP decision, nor an "authorized Representative," has filed an appeal to the Board. As such, there is no valid appeal before the Board and Docket No. 22-0374 must be dismissed.² Accordingly,

¹ 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(a)

² The Board's decisions and orders are "final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance." 20 C.F.R. § 501.6(d).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 22-0374 is dismissed.

Issued: July 18, 2022 Washington, DC

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Janice B. Askin, Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

James D. McGinley, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board