

**United States Department of Labor  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board**

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**L.P., Appellant** )

**and** )

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,** )  
**ALEDA E. LUTZ, VA MEDICAL CENTER,** )  
**Saginaw, MI, Employer** )

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**Docket No. 22-1120**  
**Issued: October 25, 2022**

*Appearances:*  
*Alan J. Shapiro, Esq., for the appellant<sup>1</sup>*  
*Office of Solicitor, for the Director*

*Case Submitted on the Record*

**ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL**

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

On July 26, 2022 appellant, through counsel, filed a timely appeal from a June 27, 2022 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 22-1120.

In a letter dated and received October 13, 2022, appellant, through counsel, requested that the appeal be withdrawn.

The Board has duly considered the matter and concludes that appellant's request for the withdrawal of the appeal should be granted. Accordingly,

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<sup>1</sup> In all cases in which a representative has been authorized in a matter before the Board, no claim for a fee for legal or other service performed on appeal before the Board is valid unless approved by the Board. 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e). No contract for a stipulated fee or on a contingent fee basis will be approved by the Board. *Id.* An attorney or representative's collection of a fee without the Board's approval may constitute a misdemeanor, subject to fine or imprisonment for up to one year or both. *Id.*; *see also* 18 U.S.C. § 292. Demands for payment of fees to a representative, prior to approval by the Board, may be reported to appropriate authorities for investigation.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** appellant's request for the withdrawal of the appeal is granted. The appeal docketed as No. 22-1120 is dismissed.

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