United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

R.A., Appellant and DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, BRUCE W. CARTER VA MEDICAL CENTER, Miami, FL, Employer)))))))	Docket No. 22-0055 Issued: September 29, 2022
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Appearances: Daniel M. Goodkin, Esq., for the appellant ¹ Office of Solicitor, for the Director		Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:

ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge JAMES D. McGINLEY, Alternate Judge

On October 18, 2021, appellant through counsel, filed a timely appeal from an April 22, 2021, merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 22-0055.

In a letter dated June 13, 2022 and received June 21, 2022, counsel requested that the appeal be withdrawn.

The Board has duly considered the matter and concludes that counsel's request for the withdrawal of the appeal should be granted.² Accordingly,

¹In 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.

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 appellant's request for the withdrawal of the appeal is granted. The appeal docketed as No. 22-0055 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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

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

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