

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

G.O., Appellant)	
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and)	Docket No. 22-1232
)	Issued: September 29, 2022
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,)	
LOUIS STOKES VA MEDICAL CENTER,)	
Cleveland, OH, Employer)	
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Appearances:
Appellant, pro se
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 August 3, 2022 appellant filed an appeal from an August 2, 2021 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 22-1232.

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 August 2, 2021 decision was January 29, 2022. As appellant did not file an appeal with the Board until August 3, 2022, more than 180 days after the August 2, 2021 OWCP decision, the Board finds that the appeal docketed as No. 22-1232 is untimely filed. The Board is without jurisdiction to review the appeal. Appellant has not offered a reason to

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

² 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(e).

explain the failure to timely file an appeal with supporting documentation 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. 22-1232, must be dismissed.³ Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 22-1232 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

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).