

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

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<b>W.M., Appellant</b>	)	
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<b>and</b>	)	<b>Docket No. 21-1217</b>
	)	<b>Issued: October 30, 2023</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,</b>	)	
<b>LOMA LINDA VA MEDICAL CENTER,</b>	)	
<b>Loma Linda, CA, Employer</b>	)	
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*Appearances:* *Case Submitted on the Record*  
*Daniel M. Goodkin, Esq., for the appellant*  
*Office of Solicitor, for the Director*

**ORDER GRANTING FEE PETITION**

Before:  
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge  
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge  
JAMES D. MCGINLEY, Alternate Judge

Counsel for appellant filed a fee petition in the amount of \$2,301.50.<sup>1</sup> The Board notes that all petitions for approval of fees for representatives' services are considered under the Board's statutory authority found at section 8127 of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act<sup>2</sup> (FECA) and under its *Rules of Procedure* found at 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e).<sup>3</sup>

As required by the Board's regulations, appellant has been afforded written notice of the fee requested and provided an opportunity to comment on the fee petition.<sup>4</sup> Attached to the fee petition is a signed acknowledgement by appellant consenting to the fee in the amount of \$2,301.50.

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<sup>1</sup> FECA (5 U.S.C. § 8127(b)) and its implementing regulations (20 C.F.R. § 501.9) require the Board to review each fee petition on its own merits and with regard to the unique facts and issues of each appeal.

<sup>2</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 8127.

<sup>3</sup> 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

The Board has reviewed the fee petition and finds it is in compliance with the Board's *Rules of Procedure*.<sup>5</sup>

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the fee petition is granted in the amount of \$2,301.50.

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Washington, DC

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*