

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

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| M.R., Appellant |) | |
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| and |) | Docket No. 23-0934 |
| |) | Issued: January 30, 2024 |
| U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, MUKWONAGO POST |) | |
| OFFICE, Mukwonago, WI, 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
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge

On June 26, 2023 the Clerk of the Appellate Boards inadvertently assigned Docket No. 23-0934 to a purported appeal from a decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP).

The Board, having duly considered this matter, notes that the 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."¹ 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. 23-0934 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. 23-0934 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

Alec J. Koromilas, Chief Judge
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