

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

C.G., Appellant)	
)	
and)	Docket No. 23-1089
)	Issued: January 12, 2024
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION CENTER, Tampa, FL,)	
Employer)	
)	

Appearances:
Appellant, pro se
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On August 12, 2023 appellant filed an appeal from a purported July 27, 2023 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP).¹ The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 23-1089.

The Board, having duly considered the matter, notes that its jurisdiction is limited to the review of final adverse OWCP decisions issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.² This jurisdiction encompasses any final decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the date appellant filed this appeal.³ Although the case record does contain a letter from OWCP dated July 27, 2023, it is purely informational in nature as it discusses the manner of debt collection regarding a final overpayment determination. Thus, it does not constitute a final adverse OWCP

¹ Appellant's appeal from a July 19, 2023 merit decision will be adjudicated separately under Docket No. 23-1074.

² 5 U.S.C. § 8101 *et seq.*; 20 C.F.R. §§ 501.2(c) and 501.3(a).

³ 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(e) provides in pertinent part: "Any notice of appeal must be filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of a decision of the OWCP."

decision from which appellant may properly appeal.⁴ Therefore, the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as No. 23-1089 must be dismissed.⁵ Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as Docket No. 23-1089 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge
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Janice B. Askin, Judge
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⁴ See *Order Dismissing Appeal, J.G.*, Docket No. 22-0657 (issued April 19, 2023); *Order Dismissing Appeal, K.S.*, Docket No. 20-1401 (issued March 17, 2021); *Order Dismissing Appeal, S.U.*, Docket No. 20-0636 (issued December 3, 2020) (correspondence that is purely informational in nature does not constitute a final adverse decision of OWCP from which appellant may properly appeal).

⁵ 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).