United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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C.P., Appellant)
and) Docket No. 25-0428) Issued: April 21, 2025
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, NORTHERN INDIANA HEALTH CARE)
SYSTEM, FORT WAYNE VA MEDICAL)
CENTER, Fort Wayne, IN, Employer) _)
Appearances:	Case Submitted on the Record
Appellant, pro se Office of Solicitor, for the Director	

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:

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

On March 18, 2025 appellant filed an appeal from a purported February 19, 2025 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 25-0428.

The Board, having duly considered this matter, notes that its jurisdiction is limited to the review of final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). This jurisdiction encompasses any final adverse decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the date appellant filed this appeal. Although the case record does contain a letter from OWCP dated February 19, 2025, it is purely informational in nature as it apprises appellant of the evidence necessary to adjudicate the compensation claim. Thus, it does not constitute a final

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

² 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."

adverse OWCP decision from which appellant may properly appeal.³ Because there is no final adverse OWCP decision over which the Board may properly exercise jurisdiction, the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as No. 25-0428 must be dismissed.⁴ Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 25-0428 is dismissed.

Issued: April 21, 2025 Washington, DC

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Janice B. Askin, Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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

³ 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).

⁴ 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).