

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

S.J., Appellant)	
)	Docket No. 25-0640
and)	Issued: August 15, 2025
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U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CARMEL MOUNTAIN POSTAL STORE POST OFFICE, San Diego, CA, Employer)	
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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 June 9, 2025 appellant sought an appeal from a purported final adverse decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 25-0640.

The Board, having duly considered this matter, notes that the Board has jurisdiction to review final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.¹ This jurisdiction encompasses any final adverse decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the date appellant filed her appeal.² The Board notes that the only decision of record is OWCP's February 10, 2025 acceptance of the claim for the conditions of contusion of right knee and sprain of right ankle. Therefore, it is not adverse to appellant and is not subject to appeal.³

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), which provides in pertinent part: "Any notice of appeal must be filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of a decision of OWCP."

³ 20 C.F.R. § 501.3.

Consequently, the case record as transmitted to the Board does not contain a final adverse decision of OWCP issued within 180 days from the date of docketing of the current appeal.⁴ As there is no final adverse decision issued by OWCP over which the Board may properly exercise jurisdiction, the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as No. 25-0640 must be dismissed.⁵ Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 25-0640 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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

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⁴ *Id.*

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).