

2010 and OWCP paid her wage-loss compensation for disability on the supplemental rolls, effective that date.²

Appellant began working in a full-time, light-duty position on October 25, 2012.

Appellant stopped work on May 4, 2024. On September 24, 2024 she filed claims for compensation (Form CA-7) alleging disability from work commencing May 4, 2024 through September 20, 2024.

On September 27, 2024 OWCP received medical evidence from appellant in support of her disability claim.

Appellant submitted CA-7 forms dated October 8 and 22, 2024, November 8 and 19, 2024, and December 31, 2024, wherein she claimed disability from work through December 27, 2024.

By decision dated December 20, 2024, OWCP denied appellant's claim for disability from work commencing May 4, 2024, finding that the medical evidence of record was insufficient to establish disability from work during the claimed period, causally related to the accepted January 6, 2006 employment injury.

On June 7, 2025 appellant, through counsel, requested reconsideration of the December 20, 2024 decision and submitted additional medical evidence in support of her claim.

By decision dated June 18, 2025, OWCP denied modification of the December 20, 2024 decision.

The Board, having duly considered this matter, finds that the case is not in posture for decision.

OWCP's procedures provide that cases should be administratively combined where a new injury case is reported for an employee who filed another injury claim for the same part of the body and where correct adjudication depends on cross-referencing between files.³ This will allow OWCP to consider all relevant claim files in developing this claim.⁴ Appellant's claims under OWCP File Nos. xxxxxx372, xxxxxx924, and xxxxxx266 involve the back. However, OWCP has not administratively combined appellant's claims. As the Board is unable to review evidence found in OWCP File Nos. xxxxxx924 and xxxxxx266, it is not in a position to make an informed

² OWCP assigned the present claim OWCP File No. xxxxxx372. Appellant has prior claims before OWCP. Under OWCP File No. xxxxxx924, OWCP accepted that appellant sustained a lumbar sprain due to an October 13, 2000 traumatic injury. Under OWCP File No. xxxxxx266, appellant filed a claim for a December 19, 2017 traumatic injury to her right shoulder and back.

³ Federal (FECA) Procedure Manual, Part 2 -- Claims, *File Maintenance and Management*, Chapter 2.400.8c(1) (February 2000); *V.G.*, Docket No. 19-0670 (issued April 30, 2020); *L.P.*, Docket Nos. 18-1558, 18-1568 (issued June 21, 2019); *L.S.*, Docket Nos. 17-1863, 17-1867, 17-1868 (issued April 18, 2018); *W.S.*, Docket No. 15-0969 (issued October 5, 2015); *C.C.*, Docket No. 14-1576 (issued March 9, 2015).

⁴ *Id.*

decision regarding appellant's claim.⁵ Therefore, the case shall be remanded to OWCP to administratively combine OWCP File Nos. xxxxxx372, xxxxxx924, and xxxxxx266. Following this and other such further development as deemed necessary, OWCP shall issue a *de novo* decision.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the June 18, 2025 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is set aside, and the case is remanded to OWCP for further proceedings consistent with this order of the Board.

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Alec J. Koromilas, Chief Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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

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

⁵ See *L.H.*, Docket No. 17-1960 (issued August 16, 2018); *K.P.*, Docket No. 15-1945 (issued February 10, 2016); *M.C.*, Docket No. 15-1706 (issued October 22, 2015).