



Appellant filed claims for wage-loss compensation (Form CA-7) claiming wage-loss compensation on and after February 17, 2025.

By decision dated August 27, 2025, OWCP denied appellant's claims for wage-loss compensation for disability from work commencing February 17, 2025, finding that the medical evidence of record was insufficient to establish her disability claim.

On August 28, 2025 appellant requested reconsideration and submitted additional evidence.

By decision dated September 17, 2025, OWCP denied modification of the August 27, 2025 decision. It referenced the conditions claimed in OWCP File Nos. xxxxxx460 and xxxxxx844.

The Board has duly considered this matter and finds that the case is not in posture for a decision.

OWCP's procedures provide that cases should be administratively combined when correct adjudication of the issues depends on frequent cross-referencing between files.<sup>3</sup> For example, if a new injury case is reported for an employee who previously filed an injury claim for a similar condition or the same part of the body, doubling is required.<sup>4</sup> Appellant's claims under OWCP File Nos. xxxxxx460, xxxxxx844, and xxxxxx963 all involve cervical/neck conditions. Therefore, these claims must be administratively combined for a full and fair adjudication.<sup>5</sup>

The case shall, therefore, be remanded to OWCP for further development. On remand, OWCP shall administratively combine OWCP File Nos. xxxxxx460, xxxxxx844, and xxxxxx963. Following this and other such further development as deemed necessary, OWCP shall issue a *de novo* decision.

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<sup>3</sup> Federal (FECA) Procedure Manual, Part 2 -- Claims, *File Maintenance and Management*, Chapter 2.400.8(c) (February 2000).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*; *L.G.*, Docket No. 18-1676 (issued August 22, 2019); *D.L.*, Docket No. 17-1588 (issued January 28, 2019).

<sup>5</sup> *See C.Y.*, Docket No. 20-1079 (issued December 7, 2020); *L.G.*, *id.*; *K.T.*, Docket No. 17-0432 (issued August 17, 2018).

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the September 17, 2025 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is set aside and the case is remanded for further proceedings consistent with this order of the Board.

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Washington, DC

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

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

Janice B. Askin, Judge  
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