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B.C., Executrix of the Estate of B.W., Appellant	)	
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and	)	Docket No. 26-0636
	)	Issued: August 4, 2026
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, MAIN POST OFFICE,	)	
Cincinnati, OH, Employer	)	
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Porter R. Welch, for the appellant¹
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:

ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge

On June 28, 2026 appellant, though counsel, sought appeal from a purported May 26, 2026 final adverse decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards docketed the appeal as No. 26-0636.

The Board, having duly considered this 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 adverse decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the date appellant filed this appeal.³ Although correspondence dated May 26, 2026 is contained in the record, it is purely informational in nature and, thus, does not constitute a final

¹ In all cases in which a representative has been authorized in a matter before the Board, no claim for a fee for legal or other service performed on appeal before the Board is valid unless approved by the Board. 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e). No contract for a stipulated fee or on a contingent fee basis will be approved by the Board. *Id.* An attorney or representative's collection of a fee without the Board's approval may constitute a misdemeanor, subject to fine or imprisonment for up to one year or both. *Id.*; *see also* 18 U.S.C. § 292. Demands for payment of fees to a representative, prior to approval by the Board, may be reported to appropriate authorities for investigation.

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.”

adverse OWCP decision from which appellant may properly appeal.⁴ 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. 26-0636 must be dismissed.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 26-0636 is dismissed.⁵

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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
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

⁴ See 20 C.F.R. §§ 501.2(c) and 501.3(a); *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).