

¹ 20 C.F.R. § 501.4.

because the case record did not include the report of the district medical adviser (DMA) upon which OWCP's June 5, 2025 decision rested.²

On December 18, 2025, the Director of OWCP filed a motion to remand requesting that the Board set aside OWCP's June 5, 2025 decision and remand the case for OWCP to review the relevant medical evidence of record and issue a *de novo* decision. The Director noted that OWCP was unable to provide a copy of a report from the DMA because appellant's claim file had not been referred to a DMA and, therefore, no such report existed. The Director clarified that the reference to a DMA in OWCP's June 5, 2025 decision was inaccurate and appeared to be the result of a clerical or typographical error. Therefore, the Director requested that the Board set aside OWCP's June 5, 2025 decision and remand the case so that, following review of the relevant medical evidence, OWCP can issue a *de novo* decision.

The Clerk of the Appellate Boards served appellant with a copy of the Director's motion to remand. No response was received.

The Board, having duly considered this matter, grants the Director's motion. On remand, OWCP shall review the relevant medical evidence of record and, after such further development as deemed necessary, issue a *de novo* decision. Accordingly,

² *Order to Complete Record Within 30 Days*, Docket No. 25-0689 (issued December 4, 2025).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the motion to remand filed by the Director of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is granted. The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 5, 2025 is set aside, and the case is remanded for further proceedings consistent with this order of the Board.

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Washington, DC

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Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge
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