United States Department of Labor
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

S.W., Appellant	)	
and	)	**Docket No. 26-0598**
	)	**Issued: September 16, 2026**
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, JOHN J. PERSHING VA MEDICAL CENTER, Poplar Bluff, MO, Employer	)	

Appearances:
Appellant, pro se
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On June 16, 2026, appellant filed a timely appeal from a purported final April 7, 2026 adverse decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards docketed the appeal as No. 26-0598.[1]

The Board, having duly considered this matter, notes that its jurisdiction is limited to the review of final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA).[2] This jurisdiction encompasses any final decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the date appellant filed this appeal.[3] The April 7, 2026 decision is not a final adverse decision as OWCP's acceptance of appellant's claim is not adverse to appellant and is, therefore, not subject

[1] Appellant submitted a timely request for oral argument before the Board. 20 C.F.R. § 501.5(b). Pursuant to the Board's *Rules of Procedure*, oral argument may be held in the discretion of the Board. 20 C.F.R. § 501.5(a). In light of the Board's disposition of this case, the request for oral argument is denied.

[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."

to appeal.[4] Because 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. 26-0598 must be dismissed. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 26-0598 is dismissed.[5]

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Washington, DC

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

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge
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Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge
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[4] 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(a); *Order Dismissing Appeal*, *D.S.,* Docket No. 25-0264 (issued February 11, 2025); *Order Dismissing Appeal, B.B.,* Docket No. 25-0030 (issued November 4, 2024); *Order Dismissing Appeal, T.E.,* Docket No. 23-1062 (issued December 21, 2023).

[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).