

**United States Department of Labor
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board**

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A.D., Appellant)	
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and)	Docket No. 20-1000
)	Issued: December 18, 2020
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY,)	
TRANSPORTATION SECURITY)	
ADMINISTRATION, Aurora, CO, Employer)	
_____)	

Appearances:
Wendy, for the appellant¹
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Alternate Judge
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On April 2, 2020 appellant, through her representative, sought an appeal from a purported decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), which allegedly "denied two units of authorization." The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 20-1000.

The Board, having duly considered the matter, notes that the Board has jurisdiction to review final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.² The case record as transmitted to the Board does not contain a final adverse decision of OWCP

¹ The representative's last name was illegible on the AB-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).

issued within 180 days from the date of docketing of the current appeal.³ As 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. 20-1000 must be dismissed. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 20-1000 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

Janice B. Askin, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Alternate Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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

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."