

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

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**S.A., Appellant** )

**and** )

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,** )  
**MICHAEL E. DeBAKEY VA MEDICAL** )  
**CENTER, Houston, TX, Employer** )  
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**Docket No. 24-0768**  
**Issued: August 19, 2024**

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

*Case Submitted on the Record*

**ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL**

Before:

ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge

JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge

VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On July 14, 2024 appellant sought an appeal from a June 17, 2019 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 24-0768.

The Board, having duly considered the matter and notes that the Board has jurisdiction to review final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.<sup>1</sup> For final adverse decisions of OWCP issued on or after November 19, 2008, the Board's review authority is limited to appeals which are filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of OWCP's decision.<sup>2</sup>

The 180<sup>th</sup> day following the June 17, 2019 decision was December 14, 2019. As appellant did not file an appeal with the Board until July 24, 2024, more than 180 days after the June 17, 2019 OWCP decision, the Board finds that the appeal docketed as No. 24-0768 is untimely filed. The Board is without jurisdiction to review the appeal. Appellant has not explained the failure to

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 8101 *et seq.*; 20 C.F.R. §§ 501.2(c) and 501.3(a).

<sup>2</sup> 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."

timely file an appeal with supporting documentation sufficient to establish compelling circumstances. Because there is no final adverse decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the filing of the instant appeal, the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as No. 24-0768 must be dismissed.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the appeal docketed as No. 24-0768 is dismissed.

Issued: August 19, 2024  
Washington, DC

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

Janice B. Askin, Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge  
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<sup>3</sup> The Board's decisions and orders are "final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance." *Id.* at § 501.6(d).