<h1 style="text-align:center">United States Department of Labor
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board</h1>

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S.M., Appellant   )

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and   )   **Docket No. 24-0209**

)   **Issued: June 26, 2024**

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEFENSE   )

SUPPLY CENTER, Columbus, OH, Employer   )

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Appearances: _Case Submitted on the Record_
Appellant, pro se
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

<h2 style="text-align:center">ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL</h2>

<p style="text-align:center"><u>Before:</u>
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge
JAMES D. McGINLEY, Alternate Judge</p>

On December 27, 2023 appellant filed an appeal from a November 22, 2023 nonmerit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 24-0209. Appellant did not sign her appeal.

By letter dated December 28, 2023, the Clerk of the Appellate Boards informed appellant that the Board required that all appeal forms be signed by the appellant submitting the appeal. The letter requested that a signed appeal form be submitted to the Board within 30 days of the date of the letter, and that failure to respond would result in dismissal of the appeal. The Board notes that such action is necessary as section 501.3(c)(6) of the Board's _Rules of Procedure_ requires that an appellant must sign the notice of appeal.[1] If appellant does not sign the notice of appeal, there is no valid appeal before the Board.

No response was received within the time allotted for submission of a proper appeal.

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[1] 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(c)(6).

The Board has duly considered the matter and concludes that as appellant has not filed a properly signed notice of appeal in this case, there is no valid appeal before the Board. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 24-0209 is dismissed.

Issued: June 26, 2024
Washington, DC

Alec J. Koromilas, Chief Judge
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