

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

R.R., Appellant	)	
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and	)	Docket No. 24-0578
	)	Issued: June 10, 2024
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,	)	
PITTSBURGH VA MEDICAL CENTER,	)	
Pittsburgh, PA, Employer	)	
	)	

*Appearances:*  
Alan J. Shapiro, Esq., for the appellant<sup>1</sup>  
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

*Case Submitted on the Record*

**ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL**

Before:  
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge  
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge  
JAMES D. MCGINLEY, Alternate Judge

On May 8, 2024 appellant, through counsel, filed a timely appeal from an April 1, 2024 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 24-0578.

By letter dated and received on May 24, 2024, appellant requested that the appeal be dismissed.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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).

The Board has duly considered the matter and concludes that appellant's request for the dismissal of the appeal should be granted. Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** appellant's request for the dismissal of the appeal is granted. The appeal docketed as No. 24-0578 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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