

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

N.A., Appellant)

and)

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,)
CHICAGO CESAR CHAVEZ STATION,)
Chicago, IL, Employer)
_____)

**Docket No. 24-0720
Issued: September 27, 2024**

Appearances:

*Samantha Hartwig, for the appellant¹
Office of Solicitor, for the Director*

Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:

PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge
JAMES D. MCGINLEY, Alternate Judge

On June 24, 2024 appellant, through her representative, filed a timely appeal from a January 29, 2024 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 24-0720.

By letter dated September 4, 2024, appellant requested that her appeal be withdrawn.

The Board has duly considered the matter and concludes that appellant's request for the withdrawal of the appeal should be granted.² Accordingly,

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 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).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT appellant's request for the withdrawal of the appeal is granted. The appeal docketed as No. 24-0720 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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