

**STATE OF MAINE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ORDER ON EMPLOYER'S MOTION TO DISMISS**

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RE: *Glenda Charles v. Maine Staffing Services, LLC/Next Level Admin.*
Date of Injury: 08/18/2022
WCB-213-25-03 (EOB)

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Within 20 days after receiving this decision, a party may file a motion pursuant to 39-A MRSA §318 asking the Board of Directors to find further facts and make further conclusions of law and to file the appropriate decision if it differs from the original decision. Within 15 days after filing the motion pursuant to §318, the party shall file its proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to WCB Rule ch. 12 §15.

Any party in interest may request an appeal to the Maine Law Court by filing a copy of this decision with the clerk of the Law Court within 20 days of receipt of this decision, and by filing a petition seeking appellate review with the Law Court within 20 days thereafter. See 39-A M.R.S.A. § 322.

Pursuant to WCB Rule ch. 12 §19, all evidence and transcripts in this matter may be destroyed after 60 days unless (1) the Board receives written notification that one or both parties wish to have their exhibits returned to them, or (2) a petition for appellate review is filed. The 60 days will not begin to run until all post-decree motions have been decided or otherwise disposed.

GLENDA CHARLES
(Employee)
v.

MAINE STAFFING SERVICES, LLC
(Employer)
and

NEXT LEVEL ADMINISTRATORS
(Insurer)

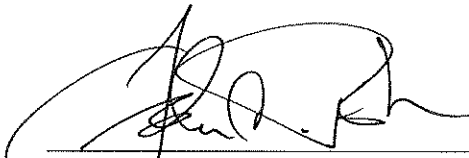
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This Order follows the hearing held on January 13, 2026, before the Workers' Compensation Board of Directors. Attending the hearing in person were the following members of the Board: John Rohde (Executive Director/Chair), Glenn Burroughs, Ronnie Green, Lynne Gaudette, Serina DeWolfe and Penny Picard (Directors). Both parties appeared remotely via Teams. The employee attended pro se and Erika K. Roberge-Kepler, Esq., of Norman, Hanson & Detroy, attended for the employer and insurer.

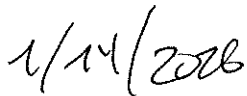
On October 7, 2025, the employee filed a Petition for Extension of Benefits Due to Extreme Financial Hardship Pursuant to 39-A MRSA § 213 (1) (C). On December 5, 2025, the employer moved to dismiss the hardship petition. At the hearing, the directors considered the parties' arguments pertaining to the number of weeks of benefits that have been paid to the employee. Pursuant to §213(1)(C), a Petition for Extension of Benefits Due to Extreme Financial Hardship may not be filed until 624 weeks of benefits have been paid to the claimant. Given the alleged August 18, 2022, date of injury, it is not possible that the employee has received the required 624 weeks of partial benefits under §213(1)(C). The Petition for Extension of Benefits Due to Extreme Financial Hardship is not ripe for adjudication by the Board of Directors.

WHEREFORE, the employer's Motion to Dismiss is granted. The employee's Petition for Extension of Benefits Due to Extreme Financial Hardship is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD



John C. Rohde
Executive Director
Maine Workers' Compensation Board



Date