

97054 Decision on Appeal

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The employee or hearing officer shall prepare a recommended decision which includes findings of fact and conclusions of law.

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This proposed decision shall be presented to the Office for its consideration.

(c)

The Office may adopt the proposed decision, or reject it and decide the matter as described in paragraph 1 below. (1) If the Office does not adopt the proposed decision as presented, it will furnish a Notice of Rejection of Proposed Decision along with a copy of the proposed decision to appellant and, if applicable, appellant's authorized representative. The Office will provide appellant the opportunity to present written arguments to the Office. The decision of the Office will be based on the record, including the hearing record, and such additional information as is provided by the appellant.

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(d)

The decision of the Office shall be in writing. It shall be made within 60 calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing and shall be final.