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FILE: WAC 02 200 53619 Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: FEB 04 2005

IN RE: Petitioner: [Redacted]
Beneficiary: [Redacted]

PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

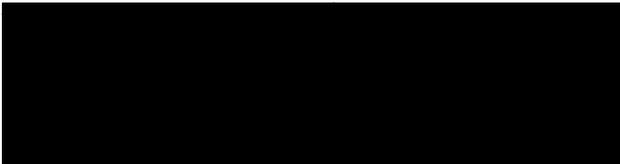
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INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

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DISCUSSION: The service center director denied the nonimmigrant visa petition and the matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The petitioner is a medical services and healthcare company that seeks to employ the beneficiary as a medical research assistant. The petitioner endeavors to classify the beneficiary as a nonimmigrant worker in a specialty occupation pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b). The director denied the petition on the basis that the petitioner had not established that the proffered position was a specialty occupation.

The beneficiary, not an authorized representative of the petitioner, signed the Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative that is in the record. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) regulations specifically state that a beneficiary of a visa petition is not a recognized party in a proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(3). As the beneficiary is not an affected party, counsel is not authorized to file an appeal. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B). Accordingly, the AAO will reject the appeal without refund of the filing fee pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(1).

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.