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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: NOV 08 2010

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:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion. The fee for a Form I-290B is currently \$585, but will increase to \$630 on November 23, 2010. Any appeal or motion filed on or after November 23, 2010 must be filed with the \$630 fee. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

Michael T. Kelly
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Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The service center director denied the instant nonimmigrant visa petition and the matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed as the matter is now moot.

In the Form I-129 visa petition, the petitioner described itself as a staffing firm. To employ the beneficiary in what it designates as a physical therapist position, the petitioner endeavors to classify him as a nonimmigrant worker in a specialty occupation 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).

The director denied the petition on March 31, 2009 because she determined that the petitioner failed to demonstrate that it would employ the beneficiary in a specialty occupation and failed to demonstrate that it is exempt from the numerical cap on H-1B petitions. On appeal, counsel contended that the director's decision to deny the petition does not accord with the evidence of record and, therefore, should be overturned.

A review of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records indicates that on April 7, 2009, subsequent to the denial of the instant petition, another employer filed a Form I-129 petition (Receipt number [REDACTED] seeking nonimmigrant H-1B classification on the beneficiary's behalf. USCIS records further indicate that this other employer's petition was approved on July 16, 2009, which granted the beneficiary H-1B status from October 1, 2009 to September 21, 2012. Because the beneficiary in the instant petition has been approved for employment with another petitioner, further pursuit of the matter at hand is moot.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed. The petition is denied.