

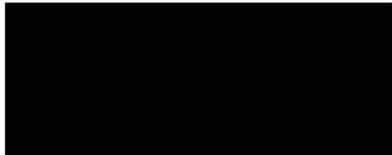
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Date: **JAN 06 2012**

Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

FILE: 

IN RE:

Petitioner:

Beneficiary:



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:

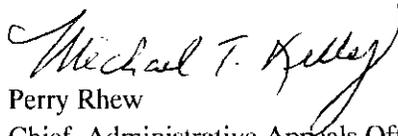


INSTRUCTIONS:

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, with a fee of \$630. 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,


Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

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

On the Form I-129 visa petition, the petitioner described itself as a medical/biosensor device development and sales firm. In order to employ the beneficiary in what it designates as a senior research associate position, the petitioner seeks to classify her 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 January 14, 2010, finding that its approval is barred by the numerical cap on H-1B visa petitions, and that the petitioner had not demonstrated that the beneficiary qualifies for an exemption from that cap. On appeal, counsel asserted that the decision of the director is erroneous.

A review of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records indicates that on April 8, 2010, a date subsequent to the denial of the instant petition, the petitioner submitted a new Form I-129 on the behalf of the beneficiary. USCIS records further indicate that this second petition was approved on July 13, 2010, which granted the beneficiary H-1B status from October 1, 2010 until September 9, 2013. Because the beneficiary in the instant petition has been approved for H-1B employment with the petitioner based upon the filing of another petition, further pursuit of the matter at hand is moot.

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