Department of Health and Human Services DEPARTMENTAL APPEALS BOARD Appellate Division

William Wyttenbach, M.D. Docket No. A-16-88 Decision No. 2724 July 26, 2016

DETERMINATION TO DECLINE REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

After reviewing the record to evaluate the issues presented by William Wyttenbach, M.D.'s exceptions to the decision of the administrative law judge in *William Wyttenbach*, *M.D.*, Decision No. CR4561 (2016), we have determined that we need not render a separate decision. We therefore decline review of and summarily affirm the administrative law judge's decision.* Thus, that decision becomes final and binding 60 days from the date of service of this determination to decline review. *See* 42 C.F.R. §1005.21(j).

Judicial review is available in an appropriate United States district court if a civil action is filed within 60 days after service of this determination to decline review. *See* sections 1128(f)(1) and 205(g) of the Social Security Act and 42 C.F.R. § 1005.21(k)(1).

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^{*} The Board has consistently affirmed the conclusion, reached by the ALJ here, that 42 C.F.R. § 1005.2(e)(1) leaves an ALJ no discretion to decide not to dismiss an untimely hearing request since the regulation states, without any "good cause" exception, that an ALJ "will dismiss a hearing request where . . . [t]he petitioner's . . . hearing request is not filed in a timely manner[.]" *See, e.g., Kris Durschmidt*, DAB No. 2345 (2010).