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#### CBCA 2436-TRAV

#### In the Matter of JESSE M. POLANSKY

Jesse M. Polansky, Baltimore, MD, Claimant.

Deborah A. Taylor, Director, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Baltimore, MD, appearing for Department of Health and Human Services.

## McCANN, Board Judge.

Claimant, Jesse M. Polansky, has been denied his request for local travel expenses. He claims that he is entitled to \$80.

## Discussion

Mr. Polansky was placed on administrative leave in December 2010. On March 9, 11, and 24, 2011, while still on administrative leave, he met with staff members of a Senator on Capitol Hill. Following the meetings, he submitted a claim to his agency for local travel in the amount of \$80.

The agency did not direct Mr. Polansky to attend these meetings. In fact, as he was on administrative leave at the time, he was prohibited from transacting official business for the Government. Since Mr. Polansky was not transacting official Government business at these meetings, he is not entitled to reimbursement for local travel.

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# Decision

The claim is denied.

R. ANTHONY McCANN

Board Judge