

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

**United States Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit**

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**WILLIAM SHEPPARD,**  
*Claimant-Appellant*

v.

**DENIS MCDONOUGH, SECRETARY OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS,**  
*Respondent-Appellee*

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2021-1928

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Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in No. 19-4776, Chief Judge Margaret C. Bartley, Judge Joseph L. Falvey, Jr., Judge Michael P. Allen.

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Decided: May 6, 2022

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Before DYK, REYNA, and HUGHES, *Circuit Judges*.

HUGHES, *Circuit Judge*.

William Sheppard argues that the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims misinterpreted 38 C.F.R. § 20.101(d) (2018) (since amended and renumbered to 38 C.F.R. § 20.104(c)). We dismiss for lack of jurisdiction because the Veterans Court determined in the alternative that any error is harmless, and we do not have jurisdiction to review the Veterans Court's harmless-error determination. *Conway v. Principi*, 353 F.3d 1369, 1375 (Fed. Cir. 2004); 38 U.S.C. § 7292(d)(2).

**DISMISSED**

No costs.