

**CASE DIGEST:** *U.S. Dep't of HHS, Indian Health Serv.*, 74 FLRA 421 (2026)

The Arbitrator issued an award finding the Agency violated the parties' collective-bargaining agreement by failing to compensate an employee for performing the duties of a higher-graded position. On exceptions, the Agency argued that the award was contrary to § 7121(c)(5) of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute because the grievance concerned a classification matter. The Authority granted the Agency's contrary-to-law exception, and set aside the award.

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