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STANDING ORDER IN SOCIAL SECURITY CASES

For cases coming before the Court for review of the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying benefits pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), the Court hereby adopts the following procedures:

A. PREVIOUS REMANDS

If the case was previously remanded, the parties shall file a short joint statement within 14 days of assignment to Judge McLaughlin providing pertinent past case information.

B. BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Plaintiff's brief in support of reversing or remanding the decision subject to review is due within 60 days of the filing of the administrative record; the Social Security Administration's responsive brief is due 45 days after Plaintiff's brief is filed; and Plaintiff's reply brief, if any, is due 14 days after Defendant's brief is filed.

C. BRIEFING GUIDELINES

- 1. Plaintiff's Opening Brief.** In preparing a Social Security brief, Plaintiff should consider the following:

- a.** Include only those facts that relate to the issues presented. It is not necessary to include Plaintiff's entire medical history if it is not relevant to the issues raised.

b. It is not necessary to spend several pages repeating the well-recognized standards for the five-part test. Cite cases that you believe accurately state the legal principles you wish the Court to apply. Make the Court aware of any relevant contrary authority.

2. **Commissioner's Response Brief.** In responding to Plaintiff's brief, the Commissioner should do the following:

- a. Consider whether a voluntary remand is appropriate under the law of this district and circuit. If so, please contact Plaintiff's counsel and prepare the necessary stipulation.
- b. Supplement Plaintiff's facts where needed for the issues presented. Do not feel compelled to repeat the facts.
- c. Cite to those portions of the record that constitute substantial evidence in support of the ALJ's decision.

ENTER:



DANIEL McLAUGHLIN
United States Magistrate Judge

Date: October 2, 2024