

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

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SOCIAL SECURITY CASES

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MISC. NO. 00-308

STANDING ORDER 2021-06

Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between this Court and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland, the Chief of the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office has consented to the automatic entry of his appearance and to the entering of the Government's consent to disposition by a United States Magistrate Judge in all pending and future cases in which a plaintiff seeks review of a decision by the Commissioner of Social Security pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Moreover, the U.S. Attorney's Office has agreed to waive service of summons and complaint by the plaintiff under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4 for these cases. In order to promote the effective administration of this Court's Social Security case docket, the Court has approved directly assigning such cases to a Magistrate Judge of this Court for all proceedings and the entry of a final judgment, subject to the consent of the plaintiff. Therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland that, effective May 1, 2021, all cases in which a plaintiff seeks review pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) of a decision by the Commissioner of Social Security shall be directly assigned to a Magistrate Judge of this Court for all proceedings and the entry of a final judgment, subject to the consent of the plaintiff; and it is further

ORDERED that in all such cases directly assigned to a Magistrate Judge, the Clerk shall issue a notice upon the filing of a new civil action requiring the plaintiff to file a response either consenting or declining to consent to disposition by a Magistrate Judge within thirty (30) days.

In the event that the plaintiff does not consent, or if the Government withdraws its consent, the case shall be reassigned to a District Judge; and it is further

ORDERED that, having obtained the consent of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland to waive service of summons and complaint, plaintiffs need not serve a summons and complaint on the Government under Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 in cases seeking review pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) of a decision by the Commissioner of Social Security; and it is further

ORDERED that in all such cases the Chief of the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland or his designee shall be designated as the counsel of record for the Government. The Clerk shall enter counsel's appearance on behalf of the Government, and the Government shall be required to file a certified copy of the transcript of the record within sixty (60) days of the entry of appearance; and it is further

ORDERED that Standing Order 2017-02 is RESCINDED.

Date: April 29, 2021

/s/ JAMES K. BREDAR
James K. Bredar, Chief Judge
United States District Court