

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Regina Mae McCoy v. Commissioner of Social Security
Administration

McCoy · No. CV-25-02060-PHX-SPL · Decided April 10, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Arizona adopted a magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation because no party filed objections. The court reversed the Commissioner of Social Security’s decision and remanded for further proceedings, while dismissing without prejudice the plaintiff’s requests for Medicare reinstatement and removal of an overpayment.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Arizona
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Arizona
DECIDED	April 10, 2026
DOCKET	CV-25-02060-PHX-SPL
DISPOSITION	reversed_and_remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff sought judicial review of the denial of her application for disability insurance benefits. A magistrate judge recommended reversing the Administrative Law Judge’s decision and remanding for further proceedings. After the parties failed to object, the district court adopted the Report and Recommendation, reversed the Commissioner’s decision, remanded for further proceedings, and dismissed without prejudice Plaintiff’s requests for Medicare reinstatement and removal of an overpayment.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	When no party objects to a magistrate judge’s report and recommendation, the district court is not required to conduct de novo or other review of the magistrate judge’s factual or legal conclusions. The court nevertheless reviewed the R&R and found it well-taken.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order
PARTIES	Regina Mae McCoy v. Commissioner of Social Security Administration

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court was required to review the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation when neither party filed objections.
2. Whether the Administrative Law Judge's decision denying disability insurance benefits should be reversed and remanded for further proceedings.
3. Whether Plaintiff's requests for reinstatement of Medicare and removal of an overpayment should be dismissed without prejudice.

HOLDINGS

1. When no party objects to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation within the prescribed period, the district court is relieved of its obligation to review the magistrate judge's factual and legal conclusions.
2. The Commissioner's final decision is reversed and the matter is remanded for further proceedings.
3. Plaintiff's requests for reinstatement of Medicare and removal of an overpayment are dismissed without prejudice.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"It does not appear that Congress intended to require district court review of a magistrate's factual or legal conclusions, under a de novo or any other standard, when neither party objects to those findings." (at 1)

"[N]o review is required of a magistrate judge's report and recommendation unless objections are filed." (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff applied for disability insurance benefits, but the Commissioner denied the application following an Administrative Law Judge's decision. Plaintiff challenged that decision in federal district court. The magistrate judge recommended reversal and remand for further proceedings; the opinion does not provide additional substantive facts concerning Plaintiff's disability claim.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Regina Mae McCoy filed a complaint challenging the denial of disability insurance benefits. Magistrate Judge John Z. Boyle issued a Report and Recommendation recommending reversal of the Administrative Law Judge's decision and remand. Neither party filed objections within the prescribed fourteen-day period, and the district court adopted the R&R and entered judgment accordingly.

DISPOSITION

reversed_and_remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The Commissioner must conduct further proceedings consistent with the adopted Report and Recommendation. Plaintiff's requests for reinstatement of Medicare and removal of an overpayment were dismissed without prejudice.

CASES CITED

- U.S. v. Reyna-Tapia, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003)
- Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 149–50 (1985)
- Schmidt v. Johnstone, 263 F. Supp. 2d 1219, 1226 (D. Ariz. 2003)

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