

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
ILLINOIS**

Donna Shatzsall v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

Shatzsall · No. 25-cv-01360-SPM · Decided February 26, 2026

OPINION

Shatzsall

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

DONNA SHATZSALL,

Plaintiff, v. Case No. 25-cv-01360-SPM

FRANK BISIGNANO,

Commissioner of Social Security, Defendant.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

McGLYNN, District Judge: Before the Court is the parties' Joint Motion to Remand to the Commissioner of Social Security under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). (Doc. 21). A sentence four remand (as opposed to a sentence six remand) depends upon a finding of error, and is itself a final, appealable order. See *Perlman v. Swiss Bank Corp. Comprehensive Disability Prot. Plan*, 195 F.3d 975, 978 (7th Cir. 1999). Upon a sentence four remand, judgment should be entered in favor of the plaintiff. *Shalala v. Schaefer*, 509 U.S. 292, 302–03 (1993). The parties agree that, upon remand, the Appeals Council will vacate all findings in the Administrative Law Judge's ("ALJ") decision and remand the matter to an ALJ. On remand, the ALJ should evaluate any medical opinions and the RFC findings; if warranted, obtain additional vocational expert testimony; take any further action needed to complete the administrative record resolving the afore- mentioned issues; offer Plaintiff Shatzsall the opportunity for a hearing; and issue a new decision. Plaintiff applied for Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income benefits on March 17, 2022, and received an unfavorable decision from ALJ Marcus Johns on June 4, 2024 (Doc. 1). Plaintiff filed a timely Request for Review with the Social Security Administration's Appeals Council, which upheld the ALJ's decision in an order sent to Plaintiff on May 14, 2025 (Doc. 1). Although recognizing that the agency has a full docket, the Court urges the Commissioner to expedite this case on remand. Therefore, for good cause shown, the parties' Joint Motion to Remand (Doc. 21) is GRANTED. The final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying Plaintiff's application for Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income benefits is REVERSED and REMANDED to the Commissioner for rehearing and reconsideration of the evidence, pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). The Clerk of

Court is DIRECTED to enter judgment in favor of Plaintiff and to close this case on the Court's docket. IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED: February 26, 2026 s/ Stephen P. McGlynn
STEPHEN P. McGLYNN
U.S. District Judge

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