

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WISCONSIN

Jose A. Cabral v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

Cabral · No. 3:26-cv-00075-jdp · Decided May 20, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin grants the parties’ joint motion for sentence-four remand under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) in a Social Security action. The court reverses the Commissioner’s decision and directs further consideration of medical source opinions and prior administrative findings, an opportunity for a hearing, completion of the administrative record, and issuance of a new decision.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
WRITING FOR THE COURT	James D. Peterson
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
DECIDED	May 20, 2026
DOCKET	3:26-cv-00075-jdp
DISPOSITION	reversed_and_remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties jointly moved for a sentence-four remand of the Commissioner's Social Security decision for further administrative proceedings.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; nonprecedential
PARTIES	Jose A. Cabral v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

- judicial review of agency action
- administrative law
- remedies
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Social Security
- administrative law
- federal civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should grant the parties' joint motion for a sentence-four remand under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).
2. What proceedings the Commissioner and the Administrative Law Judge must conduct on remand.

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted the parties' joint motion, reversed the Commissioner's decision, and remanded the action under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further administrative proceedings.
2. On remand, the Appeals Council must remand the matter to an Administrative Law Judge, who must further consider the medical source opinions and prior administrative findings under 20 C.F.R. § 404.1520c, offer Cabral an opportunity for a hearing, complete the administrative record, resolve the identified issues, and issue a new decision.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“this Court now, upon review, hereby enters a judgment under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) reversing the Commissioner’s decision with a remand of the cause to the Commissioner according to the following terms.”

“On remand, the ALJ should give further consideration to the medical source opinions and prior administrative findings pursuant to the provisions of 20 C.F.R. § 404.1520c.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion concerns judicial review of an administrative Social Security decision. The parties agreed that further proceedings were necessary, including additional consideration of medical source opinions and prior administrative findings under 20 C.F.R. § 404.1520c.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Cabral sought judicial review of a decision by the Commissioner of Social Security. The parties jointly requested remand, and the district court entered judgment under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), reversing the Commissioner's decision and remanding for further proceedings.

DISPOSITION

reversed_and_remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The Appeals Council must remand the matter to an Administrative Law Judge. The ALJ must further consider the medical source opinions and prior administrative findings under 20 C.F.R. § 404.1520c, offer Cabral an opportunity for a hearing, take further action to complete the administrative record and resolve the identified issues, and issue a new decision.

CASES CITED

- *Shalala v. Schaefer*, 509 U.S. 292, 296 (1993)
- *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89, 97-98 (1991)

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