

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE DIVISION

Marnie W. v. Commissioner of Social Security

Marnie W. · No. 3:25-cv-00027 · Decided June 8, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia adopted a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation in a Social Security appeal. The court reversed the Commissioner's final decision and remanded the matter under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), then dismissed the case from the active docket.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Charlottesville Division
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Charlottesville Division
DECIDED	June 8, 2026
DOCKET	3:25-cv-00027
DISPOSITION	reversed_and_remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation in a Social Security appeal. No party filed objections, and the district court adopted the R&R after finding no clear error.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	When no objections are filed to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation, the district court need not conduct de novo review and instead reviews the record for clear error before accepting the recommendation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Marnie W. v. Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

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

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation when no party filed objections.
2. Whether the Commissioner's final decision should be reversed and the matter remanded under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

HOLDINGS

1. When no party objects to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court may accept the recommendation after satisfying itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record.
2. The Commissioner's final decision is reversed, and the matter is remanded pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further consideration consistent with the Report and Recommendation.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.” (315)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The case concerns Plaintiff Marnie W.'s appeal from a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security. The magistrate judge recommended that the Commissioner's decision be reversed and that the case be remanded under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed an appeal challenging the Commissioner's final decision. The matter was referred to Magistrate Judge Joel C. Hoppe, who recommended reversal and a sentence-four remand under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). The district court found no clear error, adopted the R&R in its entirety, reversed the Commissioner's decision, remanded for further consideration, and dismissed and struck the matter from the active docket.

DISPOSITION

reversed_and_remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The matter is remanded pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further consideration consistent with the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation.

CASES CITED

- *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005)

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