

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

Christy M. v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

Christy M. · No. 2:25-cv-316-JTA · Decided January 14, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama granted the Commissioner of Social Security’s unopposed motion for entry of judgment with remand. The court reversed the Commissioner’s decision and remanded the matter for further administrative proceedings under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Northern Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jerusha T. Adams
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Northern Division
DECIDED	January 14, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-cv-316-JTA
DISPOSITION	reversed_and_remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff sought judicial review of a Social Security disability decision. The Commissioner filed an unopposed motion for entry of judgment and sentence-four remand for further administrative proceedings.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), remand is appropriate when the Commissioner's decision is not supported by substantial evidence or when the Commissioner or administrative law judge incorrectly applied the law relevant to the disability claim.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Christy M. v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

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

PRACTICE AREAS

Social Security disability

administrative law

federal civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should grant the Commissioner's unopposed motion for a sentence-four remand under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted the Commissioner's unopposed motion, reversed the Commissioner's decision, and remanded the matter for further proceedings under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) authorizes the district court to “enter, upon the pleadings and transcript of the record, a judgment affirming, modifying, or reversing the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security, with or without remanding the cause for a rehearing.””

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion provides no substantive facts concerning Plaintiff's disability claim or the administrative record. The Commissioner represented that further administrative action was necessary, and Plaintiff did not oppose the requested remand.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The case was before the district court on review of the Commissioner's decision. The Commissioner conceded that further administrative action was appropriate, and Plaintiff did not oppose remand. The court granted the motion, reversed the Commissioner's decision, and remanded under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

DISPOSITION

reversed_and_remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The matter is remanded to the Commissioner for further proceedings and administrative action pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

CASES CITED

- Jackson v. Chater, 99 F.3d 1086, 1092 (11th Cir. 1996)

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION CHRISTY M.,)) Plaintiff,)) v.) CASE NO. 2:25-cv-316-JTA)

FRANK BISIGNANO, Commissioner of) Social Security,)) Defendant.) MEMORANDUM
OPINION AND ORDER Before the Court is Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Entry of
Judgment with Remand. (Doc. No. 21.)¹ In the motion, the Commissioner states remand is
appropriate pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further consideration and
administrative action.

(Id. at 2.) Sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) authorizes the district court to “enter, upon the
pleadings and transcript of the record, a judgment affirming, modifying, or reversing the decision
of the Commissioner of Social Security, with or without remanding the cause for a rehearing.” 42
U.S.C. § 405(g).

The district court may remand a case to the Commissioner for a rehearing if the court finds
“either... the decision is not supported by substantial evidence, or... the Commissioner or the ALJ
incorrectly applied the law relevant to the disability claim.” *Jackson v. Chater*, 99 F.3d 1086, 1092
(11th Cir. 1996).¹ Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(1) and Rule 73 of the Federal Rules of Civil
Procedure, the parties have consented to the full jurisdiction of the undersigned United States
Magistrate Judge.

Here, the Court finds remand necessary as the Commissioner concedes that further administrative
action is in order. Moreover, Plaintiff does not oppose the motion. (Doc. No. 21 at 1.) Accordingly,
it is hereby ORDERED as follows: 1.

The Commissioner's unopposed motion (Doc. No. 21) is GRANTED. 2. The decision of the
Commissioner is hereby REVERSED. 3. This matter is hereby REMANDED to the Commissioner
for further proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). A separate judgment will
issue. DONE this 14th day of January, 2026. aie T. ADAMS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
JUDGE