

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
NEW YORK

Weldon L. Ingram, III v. Commissioner of Social Security

Ingram · No. 1:25-cv-1240 (ECC/DJS) · Decided January 15, 2026

SUMMARY

This is a civil judgment from the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York in Weldon L. Ingram, III v. Commissioner of Social Security, Case No. 1:25-cv-1240 (ECC/DJS). The court reversed the Commissioner of Social Security’s final decision and remanded the matter for further administrative proceedings, including a new hearing and decision. The action was dismissed consistent with Melkonyan v. Sullivan, 501 U.S. 89 (1991), pursuant to an order dated January 15, 2026.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Elizabeth C. Coombe
DECIDED	January 15, 2026
DOCKET	1:25-cv-1240 (ECC/DJS)
DISPOSITION	reversed_and_remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Action for judicial review of the final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unknown

TOPICS

judicial review of agency action administrative law civil procedure appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

Social Security administrative law judicial review of agency action civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the Commissioner's final decision should be reversed and the matter remanded for further administrative proceedings.

HOLDINGS

1. The Commissioner's final decision is reversed, and the matter is remanded for further administrative action, including offering a new hearing, completing the administrative record, and issuing a new decision.
2. The matter is dismissed consistent with *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the final decision of the Commissioner is REVERSED and the matter is REMANDED to the Defendant so that further administrative action may be taken including that a new hearing will be offered, action will be taken to complete the administrative record, and a new decision with be issued”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The plaintiff sought judicial review of a final decision by the Commissioner of Social Security. The judgment does not describe the underlying disability claim or the administrative facts, but directs that a new hearing be offered, the administrative record be completed, and a new decision be issued.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action came before the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York for review of the Commissioner's final administrative decision. The court reversed the Commissioner's decision, remanded the matter for further administrative action, and dismissed the matter consistent with *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*.

DISPOSITION

reversed_and_remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The Commissioner must offer a new hearing, take action to complete the administrative record, and issue a new decision. The matter is dismissed consistent with *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991).

CASES CITED

- *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991)