

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Antonia Estorga Coleman v. Commissioner of Social Security

No. 1:25-cv-00031-HBK, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (April 22, 2025)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California granted the parties’ stipulated motion to remand under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) and reversed the Commissioner of Social Security’s final decision. The case was remanded for further administrative proceedings, including reevaluation of the plaintiff’s subjective complaints and residual functional capacity and issuance of a new decision.

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 10 11 ANTONIA ESTORGA COLEMAN, Case No. 1:25-cv-00031-HBK 12
Plaintiff, ORDER GRANTING PARTIES’ STIPULATED MOTION TO REMAND 13 v. UNDER
SENTENCE FOUR OF 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), REVERSING FINAL DECISION AND 14
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL REMANDING CASE1 SECURITY, 15 (Doc. No. 11)
Defendant.

16 17 18 19 Pending before the Court is the parties’ joint motion to remand filed April 22, 2025.
20 (Doc. No. 11). Plaintiff Antonia Estorga Coleman and the Commissioner of Social Security
agree 21 that this case should be remanded for further administrative proceedings under sentence
four of 22 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). (Id.). 23 The United States Supreme Court held that the Social
Security Act permits remand in 24 conjunction with a judgment either affirming, reversing, or
modifying the Secretary’s decision.

25 See *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89, 97-98 (1991) (addressing issue of attorney’s fees
under 26 1 Both parties have consented to the jurisdiction of a magistrate judge in accordance
with 28 U.S.C. 27 §636(c)(1). (Doc. No. 9). 28 1 | the Equal Access to Justice Act and calculating
deadline using date of final judgment).

The 2 | *Melkonyan* court recognized 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) contemplates only two types of remand
— 3 || sentence four or sentence six. /d. at 98. A sentence four remand authorizes a court to enter
“a 4 | judgment affirming, modifying, or reversing the decision of the Secretary, with or without 5
|| resetting the cause for a rehearing.” *Jd.* (other citations omitted).

6 The Court grants the parties' motion to remand under sentence four and reverses the 7 |
Commissioner's final decision. As agreed upon by the parties, upon remand, the Commissioner 8 |
will reevaluate Plaintiffs subjective complaints; reevaluate Plaintiffs residual functional 9 |
capacity; as needed, continue the sequential evaluation process and obtain vocational expert 10 |
testimony, if warranted; take action to further develop the record, as necessary; offer Plaintiff the
11 | opportunity for a hearing; and issue a new decision.

12 Accordingly, it is ORDERED: 13 1. Pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), the Court
grants the joint motion to 14 remand (Doc. No. 11) and REVERSES the Commissioner's decision.
This case is 15 REMANDED to the Commissioner of Social Security for further proceedings 16
consistent with this Order. 17 2. A motion for attorney fees may be filed within thirty (30) days.

18 3. The Clerk shall enter judgment in favor of Plaintiff, terminate any deadlines, and close 19
this case. 20 | Dated: __April 22, 2025 Mile. Wh. foareh fackte 22 HELENA M. BARCH-
KUCHTA 33 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 24 25 26 27 28