

Specifically, the Magistrate Judge found that the ALJ improperly rejected the treating physician's opinion and failed to articulate "good reasons" for discounting it.⁸

The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to conduct a de novo review only of those portions of a Report and Recommendation to which the parties have made an objection.⁹ The Commissioner of Social Security declined to file any objections in this case.¹⁰

Absent objection, a district court may adopt the magistrate judge's report without review.¹¹ Moreover, having conducted its own review of the parties' briefs in this case, the Court agrees with the conclusions of Magistrate Judge Parker.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** in whole Magistrate Judge Parker's findings of fact and conclusions of law and incorporates them fully herein by reference. The Court thus **VACATES** the Commissioner's denial of benefits and **REMANDS** this case to the Administrative Law Judge for further proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 22, 2016

s/ James S. Gwin

JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

⁸ *Id.* at 19-22.

⁹ [28 U.S.C. § 636\(b\)\(1\)\(C\)](#).

¹⁰ Doc. [20](#).

¹¹ [Thomas v. Arn](#), 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985).