

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

MATTHEW W. HARRIS,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:13cv53-WC
)	
CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting)	
Commissioner of Social Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Pending before the Court is the Commissioner of Social Security’s Motion to Reverse and Remand pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) and Rule 58 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Def.’s Mot. To Remand (Doc. 16). The Commissioner states remand is necessary to permit further consideration of Plaintiff’s claim of disability. The Commissioner further states that, upon this Court’s remand, the Appeals Council will direct remand and will instruct the ALJ “to further evaluate Plaintiff’s impairments and determine whether the criteria of listing 12.05C are satisfied in accordance with the Commissioner’s regulations. The ALJ will also be advised to obtain psychological expert testimony if warranted.” *Id.* at 1.

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); *see Carril v. Barnhart*, 201 F. Supp. 2d 1190, 1192 (N.D. Ala. 2002) (reversing the Commissioner’s decision and remanding the case for further proceedings, where the Commissioner’s decision was not supported by substantial evidence).

In this case, the Court finds reversal and remand necessary as Defendant concedes reconsideration and proper application of governing law and further development of the record is appropriate. Plaintiff has no objection to the remand.

Accordingly, upon consideration of the Motion (Doc. 16), it is

ORDERED that the Commissioner’s Motion to Reverse and Remand (Doc. 16) is GRANTED; the decision of the Commissioner is REVERSED and REMANDED for further proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), and for the reasons set forth in the Motion.

A separate judgment will issue.

DONE this 16th day of September, 2013.

/s/ Wallace Capel, Jr.
WALLACE CAPEL, JR.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE