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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

MAURICEA DIXON,	)
Plaintiff,	) No. 12 C 1843
v.	) Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Cole
CAROLYN W. COLVIN <sup>1</sup> , Commissioner of Social Security,	) ) )
Defendant.	)

## MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

The plaintiff, Mauricea Dixon, seeks review of the final decision of the Commissioner ("Commissioner") of the Social Security Administration ("Agency") denying her application for Childhood Disability Benefits ("CDB") under 42 U.S.C. § 402(d)(1). Ms. Dixon asks the court to reverse and remand the Commissioner's decision, while the Commissioner seeks an order affirming the decision.

## I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Ms. Dixon applied for CDB on September 12, 2008, alleging that she had become disabled on January 1, 1999. (Administrative Record ("R.") 167-68). Her application was denied initially and upon reconsideration. Ms. Dixon continued pursuit of her claim by filing a timely request for a hearing.

An administrative law judge ("ALJ") convened a hearing on May 4, 2010, at which Ms. Dixon, represented by counsel, appeared and testified along with her adoptive mother. (R. 25-88).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 25(d), we have substituted Carolyn W. Colvin for Michael J. Astrue as the appellee.