

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

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| THELMA JEAN RUPPEL,              | ) |                         |
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| Plaintiff,                       | ) |                         |
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| vs.                              | ) | Case No. 4:11CV2222 HEA |
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| MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,               | ) |                         |
| Commissioner of Social Security, | ) |                         |
|                                  | ) |                         |
| Defendant.                       | ) |                         |

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis. Upon review of the financial affidavit, the Court has determined that plaintiff is unable to pay the filing fee. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915. Consequently, the Court will grant the motion.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis [#3] is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk shall issue process or cause process to issue on the complaint.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2012.



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HENRY EDWARD AUTREY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE