

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

MICHAEL K. MAESTAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 17-cv-1248 SMV

**NANCY A. BERRYHILL,
Acting Commissioner of the Social Security,**

Defendant.

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS AND
DIRECTING SERVICE OF PROCESS**

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to Proceed in Forma Pauperis Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 [Doc. 2] ("Motion"), filed on December 20, 2017. The Court, being fully advised in the premises FINDS that the Motion is well-taken and should be GRANTED.

IT THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Plaintiff's Motion to Proceed in Forma Pauperis Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 [Doc. 2] is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff may proceed in this action without payment of a filing fee, costs, or security therefor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States Marshal Service is directed to serve the summons and complaint on the United States Attorney, the Attorney General, and the Office of the General Counsel of the Social Security Administration.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



**STEPHAN M. VIDMAR
United States Magistrate Judge**