

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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LAURIE M. K.,

Plaintiff,

3:22-CV-0947  
(GTS/DEP)

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

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GLENN T. SUDDABY, United States District Judge

**DECISION and ORDER**

The above matter comes to this Court following a Report-Recommendation by United States Magistrate Judge David E. Peebles, filed on September 1, 2023, recommending that (1) Defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings be denied, (2) Plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings be granted, (3) Defendant's decision denying disability benefits be vacated, and (4) the case be remanded to Defendant for further proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). (Dkt. No. 18.) Objections to the Report-Recommendation have not been filed, and the time period in which to do so has expired. (*See generally* Docket Sheet.)

After carefully reviewing all of the papers herein, including Magistrate Judge Peebles' thorough Report-Recommendation, the Court can find no error in the Report-Recommendation, clear or otherwise:<sup>1</sup> Magistrate Judge Peebles employed the proper legal standards, accurately recited the facts, and correctly applied the law to those facts. (Dkt. No. 18.) As a result, the Report-Recommendation is accepted and adopted in its entirety: Plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings is granted, Defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings is denied, Defendant's decision is vacated, and this matter is remanded for further proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

**ACCORDINGLY**, it is

**ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge Peebles' Report-Recommendation (Dkt. No. 18) is **ACCEPTED** and **ADOPTED** in its entirety; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings (Dkt. No. 14) is **DENIED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings (Dkt. No. 15) is **GRANTED**; and it is further

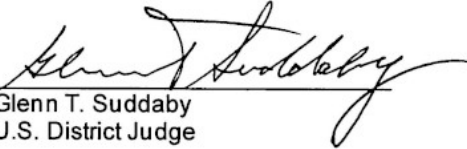
**ORDERED** that Defendant's decision denying disability benefits is **VACATED**; and it is further

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<sup>1</sup> When no objection is made to a report-recommendation, the Court subjects that report-recommendation to only a clear-error review. Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), Advisory Committee Notes: 1983 Addition. When performing such a clear-error review, "the court need only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation." *Id.*; see also *Batista v. Walker*, 94-CV-2826, 1995 WL 453299, at \*1 (S.D.N.Y. July 31, 1995) (Sotomayor, J.) ("I am permitted to adopt those sections of [a magistrate judge's] report to which no specific objection is made, so long as those sections are not facially erroneous.") (internal quotation marks omitted).

**ORDERED** that this matter is **REMANDED** to Defendant for further proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

Dated: October 24, 2023  
Syracuse, New York

  
Glenn T. Suddaby  
U.S. District Judge