## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Norfolk Division

## **DEBORAH HENSON**,

v.



Plaintiff,

Civil Action No.: 2:16cv587

NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting Commissioner of Social Security,

## Defendant.

## <u>ORDER</u>

Plaintiff Deborah Henson ("Plaintiff" or "Henson") brought this action under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) seeking judicial review of the final decision of the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration ("Acting Commissioner") denying her claim for Disability Insurance Benefits ("DIB") pursuant to Title II of the Social Security Act. Pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 636(b)(1)(B) and (C), Rule 72(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 72 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and by order of reference dated December 28, 2016, this matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge for a Report and Recommendation. Doc. 9.

The Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge ("R&R"), filed on December 1, 2017, found that the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") failed to reconcile discrepancies between his determination of Henson's residual functional capacity ("RFC") and the medical opinion evidence in the record. Doc. 16 at 13–18. The R&R also found that the ALJ complied with the Appeals Council's remand order. <u>Id.</u> at 18–20. Accordingly, the Magistrate Judge recommended that Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, Doc. 11, be GRANTED IN PART

AND DENIED IN PART, that the Acting Commissioner's Motion for Summary Judgment, Doc. 13, be DENIED, and that the final decision of the Acting Commissioner be VACATED and REMANDED for further proceedings consistent with the R&R.

By copy of the R&R, each party was advised of the right to file written objections to the findings and recommendations made by the Magistrate Judge within fourteen (14) days from the date the R&R was sent, pursuant to Rule 6(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Doc. 16 at 20–21. The time for filing written objections has now passed, and neither party has filed objections. As indicated in the R&R, failure to file timely objections to the findings and recommendations set forth in the R&R "will result in waiver of right to appeal from a judgment of this Court based on such findings and recommendations." <u>Id.</u> at 21.

This Court has reviewed the R&R of the Magistrate Judge and hereby adopts and approves in full the findings and recommendations set forth therein. Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Acting Commissioner's Motion for Summary Judgment, Doc. 13, is **DENIED**, that Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, Doc. 11, is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**, and that the Acting Commissioner's final decision is **VACATED** and **REMANDED** for further proceedings consistent with this Court's Order.

Plaintiff is advised that she may appeal from this Order by forwarding a written notice of appeal to the Clerk of the United States District Court, United States Courthouse, 600 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510. Said written notice must be received by the Clerk within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order. If Plaintiff wishes to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal, Plaintiff must submit the application to proceed in forma pauperis to the Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1100 E. Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

The Clerk is **REQUESTED** to send a copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

It is so **ORDERED**.

/s/ Henry Coke Morgan, Jr.

Senior United States District Judge HENRY COKE MORGAN, JR.

Norfolk, Virginia January <u>16</u>, 2018