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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

STEVEN G.,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARTIN O'MALLEY,  
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY,

Defendant.

No. 1:23-CV-03187-ACE

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED  
MOTION FOR REMAND  
PURSUANT TO SENTENCE FOUR  
OF 42 U.S.C. § 405(g)

**ECF No. 15**

**BEFORE THE COURT** is the parties' stipulated motion to remand the above-captioned matter to the Commissioner for additional administrative proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). ECF No. 15.

Attorney Kathryn Ann Higgs represents Plaintiff; Special Assistant United States Attorney Julie A.K. Cummings represents Defendant. After considering the file and proposed order, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. The parties' Stipulated Motion to Remand, **ECF No. 15**, is **GRANTED**. The above-captioned case is **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** to the Commissioner of Social Security for further administrative action pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). On remand, the Appeals Council will direct the administrative law judge ("ALJ") to develop the record as necessary; evaluate all of the medical opinions and prior administrative medical findings in the record;

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1 and provide Plaintiff an opportunity to submit additional evidence in support of his  
2 claim and an opportunity for a new hearing. The ALJ shall take any further action  
3 needed to complete the administrative record and issue a new decision.

4 2. **Judgment shall be entered for PLAINTIFF.**

5 3. Plaintiff's Opening Brief, **ECF No. 10**, is **STRICKEN AS MOOT**.

6 4. An application for attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice  
7 Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, may be filed by separate motion.

8 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Executive is directed to enter this  
9 Order, forward copies to counsel, and **CLOSE THE FILE**.

10 DATED March 27, 2024.



*Alexander C. Ekstrom*

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ALEXANDER C. EKSTROM

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE