

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**STANDING PROCEDURAL ORDER FOR  
CASES SEEKING SOCIAL SECURITY REVIEW**

This action seeks review of a decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying Plaintiff social security disability benefits. Notwithstanding any other rule governing the procedures in civil cases, it is **ORDERED** that:

1. In light of the adoption of the Supplemental Rules for Social Security Actions Under 42 U.S.C. 405(g) (“Supplemental Rules”) as part of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which became effective on December 1, 2022, the Court’s Standing Procedural Order dated November 18, 2018, and Supplemental Standing Procedural Orders dated July 6, 2020, June 17, 2021, and March 15, 2022, are rescinded.

2. Notwithstanding Rule 6 of the Supplemental Rules, Plaintiff shall have forty-five (45) days in which to file and serve a brief. The other deadlines set forth in the Supplemental Rules shall apply. No extension of time shall be permitted without order of the Court based upon a motion stating good cause for the extension.

3. Plaintiff’s brief shall be entitled “Brief and Statement of Issues in Support of Request for Review.” It shall be no more than thirty (30) pages in length and shall contain separate, labeled sections that set forth clearly and concisely each issue presented for review arising from: (1) specific findings Plaintiff contends are not supported by substantial evidence; (2) alleged evidentiary or administrative errors; and (3) alleged legal errors. The statement of facts should include only the procedural history, a statement of Plaintiff’s age, education, work experience and alleged impairments and onset date. Facts and legal authority needed to support arguments shall be concisely noted in the appropriate sections of the brief. Plaintiff’s brief shall reference the supporting evidence in the record by page number and, if available, line or paragraph.

4. Defendant’s brief shall be entitled “Response to Request for Review of Plaintiff.” It shall be no more than thirty (30) pages in length and shall contain separate, labeled sections that set forth clearly and concisely responses to each issue presented by Plaintiff. Defendant shall limit the statement of facts to include only those in dispute. Facts and legal authority needed to support arguments shall be concisely noted in the appropriate sections of the brief. Defendant’s brief shall reference the supporting evidence in the record by page number and, if available, line or paragraph.

5. If Plaintiff files a reply brief, it shall be no more than ten (10) pages in length.

6. All briefs shall be in twelve (12) point font, the text shall be double spaced.

7. The matter shall be deemed submitted, without hearing, fourteen (14) days after the filing of Defendant’s response, unless, upon request, the Court orders otherwise.

By the Court:

Adopted: December 5, 2022

  
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Juan R. Sánchez, Chief Judge