

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

JAN 23 2020

Clerk, U.S. Courts
District Of Montana
Missoula Division

IN RE: General Consent to U.S.
Magistrate Judge in Social Security
cases.

STANDING ORDER No. DLC-51

This order applies to all cases in which a plaintiff seeks review, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), of a decision by the Commissioner of Social Security. The cases include all matters identified on the Civil Cover Sheet in Section IV (Nature of Suit) with codes 863, 864, or 865.

The United States has indicated its general consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction in cases of this nature, subject to reserved rights to withdraw the consent in a given case and to withdraw its general consent. If a plaintiff timely consents, and if the United States does not timely withdraw consent, the case shall be deemed assigned to a magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) without further order of the court, and the clerk shall make the appropriate notation in the docket. If a plaintiff declines to consent or if the United States timely withdraws its consent, the case shall remain assigned to a United States district judge and referred, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) to the magistrate judge for preliminary proceedings, and for the issuance of findings and recommendations as needed.

The clerk of court is directed to post this order on the court's public website,

and to notify the judicial officers of this district, the United States Attorney's Office, and the Local Rules Committee of the entry of this order.

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2020.



Dana L. Christensen, Chief Judge
United States District Court