

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: Administrative Order No. 25-MS-100  
CONTINUED STAY IN SOCIAL  
SECURITY CASES

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Funding lapsed for some portions of the federal government, including the Department of Justice, on September 30, 2025. This requires affected agencies of the federal government to limit operations to matters deemed essential under applicable law, and to shutdown other operations until a funding vehicle is in place. Consistent with this, the Department of Justice has furloughed attorneys and staff that were working on Social Security appeals pending in this Court. Attorneys on furlough status are prohibited by law from working on matters assigned to them.

In light of this, the Court determined that the government shutdown provided good cause for a temporary thirty-day stay of all pending Social Security cases, and that entry of a single Administrative Order on this issue will serve the interests of judicial economy. The Court entered Administrative Order 25-MS-093 on October 2, 2025, staying Social Security cases for thirty days, or until November 3, 2025.

As no funding vehicle is yet in place, the Court has determined that the continuing government shutdown provides good cause for an additional thirty-day stay of all pending Social Security cases. The Court therefore enters this Administrative Order, which applies to all pending Social Security cases in which the briefing schedule has not yet been completed by the Commissioner, as well as cases with scheduled oral argument or anticipated or pending motions related to attorney fees. Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that all proceedings in any Social Security case pending before this Court, in which the briefing schedule has not yet been completed by the Commissioner or in which


oral argument is set, are hereby **STAYED** until thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. Following expiration of the stay, Magistrate Judges of this Court may set new briefing deadlines and make all necessary scheduling adjustments in particular cases. The Clerk need not file a copy of this order in any individual case.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any party may seek relief from this temporary stay for good cause shown in a particular case, and the Magistrate Judges of this Court are authorized to decide such requests.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Court reserves to itself the power to cancel or to extend the stay by further Administrative Order.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated: November 4, 2025

  
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HALA Y. JARBOU  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE