

judges, requiring preparation of greater numbers of administrative transcripts that experienced prior to the current pandemic.

After consultation with judges of this Court, the undersigned finds that present circumstances warrant an extension of time being given to the Commissioner of Social Security to file the above-referenced materials. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED as follows:

1. For cases challenging final decisions of the Commissioner of Social Security involving the denial of social security benefits, the time within which the Commissioner may file an Answer and administrative transcript is extended to 120 days following service of process.
2. This Order shall apply to pending cases in which Answers have not yet been filed as well as future cases filed on and after this date and through April 1, 2021.
3. The extension given through this Order expires April 1, 2021. However, expiration of this Order does not prohibit the Commissioner of Social Security from seeking additional extensions in individual cases as may be appropriate.

Dated: September 25, 2020.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny C. Reeves".

Danny C. Reeves, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of Kentucky