



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of Rhode Island

**ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT INVOLVING COMMISSIONER OF
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Pursuant to an agreement between the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island, the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Attorney for the District of Rhode Island, the Commissioner and the U.S. Attorney have agreed to accept the summons and complaint as outlined in Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(i)(1)(A, B, and C) in actions filed pursuant to § 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) by electronic means via the Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Files System ("CM/ECF"). The Commissioner and the U.S. Attorney have agreed not to contest the adequacy of service pursuant to this agreement provided that the following conditions are met:

- **Personal Identifier Statement.** Upon filing of a new social security complaint, the plaintiff shall immediately file a personal identifier statement which shall include the plaintiff's full social security number. If the plaintiff's application for social security benefits was filed on another person's wage-record, that person's social security number shall also be included in the statement. If the plaintiff commenced an action on behalf of a minor child, the child's social security number shall be included in the statement. This filing will be restricted, and access limited to only the parties of the action. A motion to seal need not be filed. The form can found on the court's website or by clicking [here](#).
- **Certified Administrative Record.** The Social Security Administration will have 60 days from the filing of the personal identifier statement to enter an appearance and either file a dispositive motion or the Certified Administrative Record which shall be deemed an answer (general denial) to the plaintiff's complaint as outlined in Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(b)(3).

This agreement is designed to facilitate timely and efficient service of process for civil actions involving the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. For questions or additional information please contact the Clerk's Office at (401) 752-7200.

July 30, 2019

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Clerk of Court