§ 405.240  Sunset of this subpart.

(a) If you filed a request for review by a Federal reviewing official and we transferred your claim to the Office of the Federal Reviewing Official on or before March 23, 2008, the Federal reviewing official will review and issue a decision on your claim.

(b) If you have received an initial determination under subpart B of this part, we will process any request for additional administrative review not described in paragraph (a) of this section as either a request for reconsideration by the State agency or a request for hearing before an administrative law judge if your State uses the testing procedures under §§404.906 and 416.1406 of this chapter. In any hearing before an administrative law judge on your claim, and in any further review of your claim, we will follow the procedures in this part.

(c) This subpart will no longer be effective the day after a Federal reviewing official issues a decision on the last of the claims accepted for review under paragraph (a) of this section.

(d) If compelling evidence shows that the Federal reviewing official process is efficient, effective, and sustainable given available Agency resources, the Commissioner may reinstate the Federal reviewing official process by publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking and final rule in the Federal Register.

[71 FR 16446, Mar. 31, 2006, as amended at 73 FR 2415, Jan. 15, 2008]

§ 405.305  Availability of a hearing before an administrative law judge.

You may request a hearing before an administrative law judge if you are dissatisfied with the Federal reviewing official’s decision on your disability claim, the reconsidered determination you received as a result of §405.240 of this part, or an initial determination subject to a hearing by an administrative law judge under the procedures in this part as a result of §404.906(b)(4) or §416.1406(b)(4) of this chapter. In it, we describe how you may ask for a hearing before an administrative law judge, and what procedures we will follow when you ask for a hearing.

(b) The Commissioner will appoint an administrative law judge to conduct the hearing. If circumstances warrant after making the appointment (for example, if the administrative law judge becomes unavailable), the Commissioner may assign your claim to another administrative law judge.

(c) You may examine the evidence used in making the decision or determination under review, submit evidence, appear at the hearing, and present and question witnesses. The administrative law judge may ask you questions and will issue a decision based on the hearing record. If you waive your right to appear at the hearing, the administrative law judge will make a decision based on the evidence that is in the file, any new evidence that is timely submitted, and any evidence that the administrative law judge obtains.

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§ 405.310  How to request a hearing before an administrative law judge.

(a) Written request. You must request a hearing by filing a written request. You should include in your request—

(1) Your name and social security number;

(2) If you have filed a claim for benefits based on disability under title II of the Act under an account other than your own, the name and social security