

issue a decision in writing which contains findings of fact and a statement of reasons, or (2) when so directed by the Appeals Council, return the case with his recommended decision to the Appeals Council for its decision. A copy of the decision shall be mailed to each party at his last known address. When a recommended decision is issued, the Administrative Law Judge shall also notify each party of his right to file with the Appeals Council within 10 days from the date of mailing of the recommended decision, briefs or other written statements of exceptions and allegations as to applicable fact and law, except in the case of suspension or disqualification (see § 410.694(b)). Upon request of any party made within such 10-day period, a 10-day extension of time for filing such briefs or statements shall be granted and, upon a showing of good cause, such 10-day period may be extended, as appropriate.

(c) *Decision by Appeals Council.* A decision of the Appeals Council shall be based upon the evidence received into the hearing record and such further evidence as the Appeals Council may receive as provided in §§ 410.657, 410.658, 410.663, and 410.664. This decision shall be made in writing and contain findings of fact, and a statement of reasons. A copy of the decision shall be mailed to each party at his last known address.

§ 410.666 Effect of Appeals Council's decision or refusal to review.

The Appeals Council may deny a party's request for review or it may grant review and either affirm or reverse the Administrative Law Judge's decision. The decision of the Appeals Council, or the decision of the Administrative Law Judge where the request for review of such decision is denied (see § 410.662), shall be final and binding upon all parties to the hearing unless a civil action is filed in a district court of the United States under the provisions of section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, as incorporated by section 413(b) of the Act (see § 410.670a), or unless the decision is revised under the provisions described in § 410.671.

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§ 410.667 Dismissal by Appeals Council.

The Appeals Council may dismiss a request for review or proceedings before it under any of the following circumstances:

(a) *Upon request of party.* Proceedings pending before the Appeals Council may, with the approval of the Appeals Council, be discontinued and dismissed upon written application of the party or parties who filed the request for review to withdraw such request.

(b) *Death of party.* Proceedings before the Appeals Council, whether on request for review or review on the motion of the Appeals Council, may be dismissed upon the death of a party only if the record affirmatively shows that there is no prejudiced individual who wishes to continue the action.

(c) *Request for review not timely filed.* A request for review of a decision by an Administrative Law Judge shall be dismissed where the party has failed to file a request for review within the time specified in § 410.661 and the time for filing such request has not been extended as provided in § 410.669.

§ 410.668 Extension of time to request reconsideration.

If a party to an initial determination desires to file a request for reconsideration after the time for filing such request has passed (see § 410.624), such party may file a petition with the Administration for an extension of time for the filing of such request. Such petition shall be in writing and shall state the reasons why the request for reconsideration was not filed within the required time. For good cause shown, the component of the Administration which has jurisdiction over the proceedings (see § 410.601) may extend the time for filing the request for reconsideration.

§ 410.669 Extension of time to request hearing or review or begin civil action.

(a) *General.* Any party to a reconsidered determination, a decision of an Administrative Law Judge (formerly called *hearing examiner*), or a decision of the Appeals Council (resulting from an initial determination as described