

**United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

No. 00-3353

Gloria D. Smith,

Appellant,

v.

Larry G. Massanari, Acting
Commissioner, Social Security
Administration,

Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States
District Court for the Eastern
District of Arkansas.

[UNPUBLISHED]

Submitted: August 7, 2001

Filed: August 15, 2001

Before HANSEN, FAGG, and BEAM, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Gloria D. Smith appeals the district court's* grant of summary judgment in favor of the Social Security Commissioner, affirming the denial of Smith's March 1997

*The Honorable Stephen M. Reasoner, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, adopting the report and recommendations of the Honorable John F. Forster, Jr., United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

application for disability insurance benefits after a hearing before an administrative law judge (ALJ), and after the Appeals Council denied review. Having reviewed the record, we find the Commissioner's final decision is supported by substantial evidence on the record as a whole, including consideration of the new evidence submitted to the Appeals Council, to the extent the evidence related to the period before the ALJ's decision. See Cunningham v. Apfel, 222 F.3d 496, 500 (8th Cir. 2000) (standard of review). In particular, the ALJ considered Smith's impairments in combination, permissibly discounted one treating physician's opinion and gave another treating physician's opinion controlling weight, made sufficient credibility findings, made a supported finding of no severe mental impairment, and did not fail to follow applicable regulations.

Accordingly, we affirm.

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