

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 11-3372

Mary Skipper,

Appellant,

v.

Michael J. Astrue,
Social Security Administration,

Appellee.

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* Appeal from the United States
* District Court for the Eastern
* District of Arkansas.
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Filed: June 27, 2012

Before BYE, COLLOTON, and GRUENDER, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Mary Skipper appeals the district court's¹ order affirming the denial of supplemental security income. Upon de novo review, see Van Vickie v. Astrue, 539 F.3d 825, 828 (8th Cir. 2008), we agree with the district court that substantial evidence supports the administrative law judge's (ALJ's) determination that Skipper's

¹The Honorable H. David Young, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, to whom the case was referred for final disposition by consent of the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

only severe impairment, rheumatoid arthritis, was not disabling. Our review includes consideration of the new evidence that Skipper submitted to the Appeals Council, consisting in part of a medical source statement from a treating rheumatologist. See id. at 828 & n.2 (new evidence offered only to Appeals Council is included in substantial-evidence equation). In denying review, the Appeals Council found that the new information provided no basis for changing the ALJ's decision. See Browning v. Sullivan, 958 F.2d 817, 822 (8th Cir. 1992) (rejecting appellant's assertion that when Appeals Council denies review, it must make its own findings and articulate its own assessment of new evidence). The district court is affirmed. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.
