

42 C.F.R. § 1005.20

Initial decision.

- (a) The ALJ will issue an initial decision, based only on the record, which will contain findings of fact and conclusions of law.
- (b) The ALJ may affirm, increase or reduce the penalties, assessment or exclusion proposed or imposed by the IG, or reverse the imposition of the exclusion. In exclusion cases where the period of exclusion commenced prior to the hearing, any period of exclusion imposed by the ALJ will be deemed to commence on the date such exclusion originally went into effect.

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