

**In the United States Court of Federal Claims**

No. 20-163C

(Filed: May 19, 2020)

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<b>INDEPENDENT HEALTH BENEFITS</b>	)
<b>CORP.,</b>	)
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Plaintiff,	)
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v.	)
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<b>UNITED STATES,</b>	)
	)
Defendant.	)

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**ORDER LIFTING STAY**

The court acknowledges the joint status report filed by the parties yesterday, May 18, 2020. *See* ECF No. 8. The court issued a stay in this case on March 5, 2020, ECF No. 7, pending the outcome of several consolidated cases then before the United States Supreme Court. Since that time, the Supreme Court has issued its decision in *Maine Cmty. Health Options v. United States*, 140 S. Ct. 1308 (2020).

Defendant seeks 40 days within which to consider the impact of that outcome on its position in this case and file a joint status report recommending a course to govern proceedings moving forward. Defendant also requests that the court defer its obligation to answer the complaint or any amended complaint until the end of that 40-day period.

Accordingly, the STAY IS LIFTED. The parties are requested to file a joint status report proposing a course to govern further proceedings by June 29, 2020. Defendant shall likewise file its answer by that date.

It is so **ORDERED**.

s/ Charles F. Lettow  
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 Charles F. Lettow  
 Senior Judge