

In The United States Court of Federal Claims

No. 17-347C
(E-Filed May 11, 2017)

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD)
OF ALABAMA,)
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Plaintiff,)
v.)
)
THE UNITED STATES,)
)
Defendant.)
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ORDER

On May 11, 2017, defendant filed a motion to stay the instant proceedings until June 30, 2017. See ECF No. 8. In the motion, defendant explains that twenty-three cases that are currently pending before different judges on the court involve “identical or related legal theories” to those asserted by plaintiff in this case. Id. at 1. Two of the cases listed by defendant are currently on appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Id. at 2-3; (citing Moda Health Plan, Inc. v. United States, No. 16-649C, appeal docketed, No. 17-1994 (Fed. Cir. May 9, 2017); Land of Lincoln Mutual Health Ins. Co. v. United States, No. 16-744C, appeal docketed, No. 17-1224 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 16, 2016)). Defendant argues that because several of the issues to be briefed by the parties in this case may be resolved by the Federal Circuit in the related cases on appeal, a stay will conserve judicial resources. Id. at 3-4.

The court agrees that a stay is proper and finds the proposed duration reasonable. See Landis v. N. Am. Co., 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936). Thus, defendant’s motion is **GRANTED**. The case is hereby **STAYED** until June 30, 2017. As proposed, the parties shall file a joint status report on or before **June 23, 2017**. In this report, the parties shall advise the court whether a continued stay is proper.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Patricia E. Campbell-Smith
PATRICIA E. CAMPBELL-SMITH
Judge