

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

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MAINE COMMUNITY)	
HEALTH OPTIONS,)	
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	Plaintiff,)	No. 20-458C
)	
	v.)	Filed: May 13, 2022
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THE UNITED STATES,)	
)	
	Defendant.)	
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ORDER

On May 12, 2022, pursuant to the Court’s Order dated May 9, 2022 (ECF No. 25), the parties filed a Joint Status Report (ECF No. 26) out-of-time advising the Court of their continued efforts to resolve this matter. The parties report that the Government provided a substantive response to Plaintiffs’ proposed settlement methodology on April 28, 2022. *See* ECF No. 26. Plaintiffs are currently reviewing the proposal, and the parties plan to continue their discussions regarding a potential settlement of the remaining contested claims. *Id.* at 3. The parties request the Court continue the stay in this case through June 6, 2022, to further these discussions. *Id.* at 4.

This is one of several Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) cases before the Court in which the parties are exploring the potential of a negotiated settlement of the plaintiffs’ cost-sharing reduction (“CSR”) claims. *See Blue Care Network of Mich. et al. v. United States*, 20-1000C (filed: Aug. 11, 2020); *Common Ground Healthcare Coop. v. United States*, 17-877C (filed: June 27, 2017); *Cnty. Health Choice, Inc. v. United States*, 18-0005 (filed: Jan 1. 2018); *Me. Cnty. Health Options v. United States*, 17-2057C (filed: Dec. 28, 2017); *Me. Cnty. Health Options v. United States*, 20-458C (filed: Apr. 17, 2020). Each of these cases is stayed pending settlement discussions, with the parties providing periodic joint status reports.

Having considered the parties' status report, the Court **GRANTS** the request to continue the stay. In the interest of synchronizing the status report deadlines in each of the above-cited cases, the Court **ORDERS** the parties to submit, by no later than July 12, 2022, a joint status report proposing further proceedings in this case.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 13, 2022

/s/ Kathryn C. Davis

KATHRYN C. DAVIS
Judge