

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
SOUTHERN DIVISION AT LONDON**

PHI HEALTH, LLC, and EMPACT MIDWEST LLC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES,

XAVIER BECERRA, in his official capacity as
Secretary of Health and Human Services,

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT,

KIRAN AHUJA, in her official capacity as Director of
the U.S. Office of Personnel Management,

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,

JULIE SU, in her official capacity as Acting Secretary
of Labor,

U.S. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION,

LISA GOMEZ, in her official capacity as the Assistant
Secretary for the Employee Benefits Security
Administration,

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,

JANET YELLEN, in her official capacity as Secretary
of the Treasury,

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and

DANNY WERFEL, in his official capacity as
Commissioner of Internal Revenue,

Defendants.

Case 6:22-cv-00095

**AMENDED JOINT STATUS
REPORT AND JOINT
MOTION FOR BRIEF
EXTENSION TO FILE
NEXT JOINT STATUS
REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's order of September 27, 2023, ECF 47, the parties respectfully submit this Amended Joint Status Report and Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Next Joint Status Report.

TMA III and LifeNet III

On August 24, 2023, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas granted in part and denied in part the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment in *Texas Medical Association v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*, No. 22-cv-450 (E.D. Tex.) (lead case) ("*TMA III*"), and *LifeNet, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*, No. 22-cv-453 (E.D. Tex.) ("*LifeNet III*"). The Departments appealed this ruling on October 20, 2023. See *TMA III* at ECF 64; *LifeNet III* at ECF 26. TMA filed a notice of cross-appeal on October 31, 2023. See *TMA III* at ECF 65. The Air Ambulance plaintiffs filed a notice of partial-cross-appeal on November 3, 2023. See *TMA III* at ECF 66; *LifeNet III* at ECF 27. The Departments' opening brief is due January 12, 2024.

TMA II and LifeNet II

The Eastern District of Texas granted summary judgment in *Texas Medical Association v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*, No. 22-cv-372 (E.D. Tex.) (lead case) (*TMA II*), and *LifeNet, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*, No. 22-cv-373 (E.D. Tex.) ("*LifeNet II*"), on February 6, 2023. *TMA II* at ECF 99. The Departments filed a notice of appeal to the Fifth Circuit on April 6, 2023. *TMA II* at ECF 101. The appeal is now fully briefed. The Fifth Circuit has tentatively set argument for the week of February 5, 2024.

In light of the status of this related litigation, the parties respectfully submit that the stay in this matter should remain in place.

Joint Motion for Extension

The parties' next Joint Status Report will be due January 2, 2024. Due to holiday travel, the parties' jointly request an extension of the deadline for the next Joint Status Report to Tuesday January 9, 2024.

Dated: December 5, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPOSED ORDER

Before the Court is the parties' Amended Joint Status Report and Joint Motion for an Extension of Time to file their next Joint Status Report. Being well-advised that the schedule is agreed, and having fully considered the motion, the Court is of the opinion that the motion should be GRANTED. It is therefore ORDERED that the parties' next Joint Status Report shall be due Tuesday January 9, 2024.

SO ORDERED

The Honorable Edward B. Atkins, United States Magistrate Judge