UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota, et al.

Plaintiffs,

v. Civil File No. 26-cv-1701-ECT-DTS

Dr. Mehmet Oz, et al.,

Defendants.

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF STAY

On May 7, 2026, this Court granted the Parties' Joint Motion for a Stay and ordered the Parties to file a Joint Status Report on September 3, 2026 regarding the status of this matter. The Parties now provide this report, and for the following reasons, respectfully request that the Stay be continued:

1. The Parties are working to resolve the deferral of federal financial participation ("FFP") that is the subject of this lawsuit. Since January 2026 through present, CMS and Minnesota have had weekly status meetings to discuss high-risk services areas, and those meetings also addressed issues related to the Q4FFY2025 deferral and the resolution effort. As of the date of this filing, CMS has not released or disallowed Q4FFY2025 deferred funds related to the fourteen high-risk Medicaid service areas.

2. The Parties believe that continuing the stay is warranted so that the Parties can continue to attempt to resolve the deferral.

3. After the filing of Plaintiffs' Complaint, the Parties note that CMS deferred a portion of FFP in Q1 and Q2, FFY2026, which deferrals, per CMS, are based in part on its concerns involving fraud and aberrant billing. The parties are working to resolve these deferrals, as well.

4. Good cause exists for a continued stay. Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). The Parties may be able to resolve their differences, saving this Court and the Parties time, effort and resources. Even if the Parties are not able to resolve their differences, additional discussion between the Parties may help define and narrow the issues requiring resolution in this litigation, which would benefit both the Parties and the Court.

The Parties hereby respectfully request, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b)(4), that the stay remain in place, and that either Party may move to end, modify, or extend the stay at any time. The Parties shall provide notice to the Court on Monday, January 4, 2027 (123 days from now—the 120th day is New Year's Day) of the status of this matter.

Dated: September 3, 2026

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Respectfully submitted,

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