

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
No. 20-163C

(Filed: March 6, 2020)

**INDEPENDENT HEALTH BENEFITS
CORP.,**)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
UNITED STATES,)
Defendant.)

ORDER

Pending before the court is defendant's consent motion to stay proceedings, ECF No. 6. The legal issues presented in this case are closely related to those raised in three consolidated cases currently pending before the United States Supreme Court. *See Maine Cnty. Health Options v. United States*, 729 F. App'x. 939 (Fed. Cir. 2018), cert. granted, 139 S. Ct. 2743 (U.S. June 24, 2019) (No. 18-1023). In the interest of judicial economy, because the outcome of that proceeding pertains to the legal issues implicated here, defendant requests that the court stay this case pending the Supreme Court's issuance of a decision in that matter.

For good cause shown, defendant's motion to stay is GRANTED. The parties shall file a joint status report within 20 days of disposition of the consolidated cases pending before the Supreme Court.

It is so ORDERED.

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