

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF	:	
SOUTH CAROLINA and BLUECHOICE	:	
HEALTHPLAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA,	:	
INC.,	:	No. 20-1014C
	:	
Plaintiffs,	:	Judge Smith
	:	
v.	:	
	:	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

**STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF FINAL JUDGMENT**

To finally resolve the claims of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina and BlueChoice HealthPlan of South Carolina, Inc. (collectively, “Plaintiffs” or “BCBSSC”), against the United States, and to permit the entry of final judgment on Plaintiffs’ claims, it is hereby stipulated and agreed between the Parties:

1. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148 (2010), 124 Stat. 119, and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152 (2010), 124 Stat. 1029 (collectively, the “ACA”) created several interrelated programs to expand access to affordable health insurance coverage.
2. Section 1342 (42 U.S.C. § 18062) of the ACA created the risk corridors program.
3. On April 27, 2020, the United States Supreme Court held that section 1342 of the ACA “created an obligation neither contingent on nor limited by the availability of appropriations or other funds,” that the obligation was not affected by subsequently-enacted legislation, and that the “petitioners may seek to collect payment through a damages action in the Court of Federal Claims.” *Maine Community Health Options v. United States*, 140 S. Ct. 1308, 1323, 1331 (2020).
4. On August 14, 2020, BCBSSC filed a one-count Complaint in this Court seeking

risk corridors damages under section 1342 of the ACA.

5. The Parties agree that the Supreme Court's decision in *Maine Community Health Options* entitles BCBSSC to receive payment of damages from the United States under ACA section 1342 for risk corridors benefit year 2016 in the total amount of \$53,268,395.57 ("Stipulated Damages Amount"). The Parties further agree that receipt of this full payment will resolve entirely the Complaint in this case.

6. Accordingly, the Parties jointly request that the Court enter final judgment in favor of BCBSSC in the total damages amount of \$53,268,395.57 on Count I of the Complaint.

7. Upon the Court's entry of final judgment as requested above, the Parties further jointly request that the Court dismiss the Complaint with prejudice.

8. Upon entry of final judgment and receipt of full payment by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina (HIOS No. 26065) and BlueChoice HealthPlan of South Carolina, Inc. (HIOS No. 49532) of the Stipulated Damages Amount above, Plaintiffs, and any and all of the Plaintiffs' affiliated entities, release the United States, its agencies, instrumentalities, officers, agents, employees, and servants, from all claims (including attorney fees, costs, and expenses of every kind and however denominated) that Plaintiffs, and any and all of the Plaintiffs' affiliated entities, have asserted, could have asserted, or may assert in the future against the United States, its agencies, instrumentalities, officers, agents, employees, and servants, arising under Section 1342 of the ACA for benefit year 2016.

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