

MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendants' 56 Motion to Consolidate Cases or, in the Alternative, for an Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The Court finds that good cause exists under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a) for consolidation of Nos. 21-cv-3031 and 21-cv-3231, including a substantial overlap of common issues of law and fact such that consolidation will save the parties and Court time and effort in resolving these disputes, with no risk of prejudice to either set of plaintiffs. It is therefore further ORDERED that Ass'n of Air Medical Services v. Dep't of Health & Human Services et al., No. 21-cv-3031-RJL, shall be consolidated with American Medical Association, et al. v. Dep't of Health & Human Services et al., No. 21-cv-3231-RJL. It is further ORDERED that the Clerk's Office close 21-cv-3231-RJL and that the parties in that case, including pending movants, be transferred to 21-cv-3031-RJL. It is further ORDERED that all future filings in these cases shall be made on the docket of the lead case, No. 21-cv-3031; that the plaintiffs in No. 21-cv-3231 shall file their reply brief in support of their motions and opposition to defendants' cross-motion on or before February 8, 2022; that the defendants shall file a combined reply brief in support of their cross-motions for summary judgment in both cases, not to exceed thirty pages, on or before February 18, 2022; and that the parties in the consolidated cases shall file a single joint appendix of administrative record materials. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 2/2/2022. (lcrjl1) (Entered: 02/02/2022)