

**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

JOINT STATUS REPORT

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Pursuant to the Court's order of March 22, 2024, ECF 56, the parties respectfully submit this 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' principal brief was filed January 12, 2024. The Air Ambulance plaintiffs and TMA filed their principal and response briefs on March 13, 2024. The Departments filed their response and reply brief on May 13, 2024. TMA filed a reply brief, joined by the Air Ambulance plaintiffs, on June 3, 2024. The appeal is now fully briefed. Argument is taking place September 3, 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. On August 2, 2024, the Fifth Circuit affirmed the district court. *See Texas Med. Association v. United States Department of Health and Human Services.*, No. 23-40217, 2024 WL 3633795 (5th Cir. Aug. 2, 2024).

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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