

Chief District Judge Denise J. Casper: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered re 168 MOTION for Extension of Time to 8/24/2026 to Stay of All Proceedings Concerning Relator's Qui Tam Claims. Having discussed Defendants' motion to stay Relator's qui tam claims with counsel at yesterday's scheduling conference and hearing no objection to same, the Court ALLOWS the stay until August 24, 2026 and further ORDERS as follows. By June 23, 2026, the government shall file a memorandum explaining the legal basis for not intervening "at this time" while it "continues its investigation" as to WellCare claims, D. 34 at 1 (filed on January 13, 2025, filed 15 months ago and over 3 years after the relator filed his complaint in this case); whether it intends to intervene; its position on the joinder of the Relator's qui tam claims (if the government does not intervene) with the government's claims for the purposes of discovery, dispositive motions and trial in this case. Defendants (and Relator) shall file a response to same by July 14, 2026. Neither the government's filing or the Defendants (collective response) or Relator's separate response shall exceed ten (10) pages.

As WellCare indicates that it would likely file a motion to dismiss Relator's qui tam claims, if the government has not intervened by August 24, 2026, the Court anticipates setting a deadline for Relator to file an amended complaint within 30 days of such date and giving Well Care 30 days after that to file an answer or a responsive motion. (SEC) (Entered: 05/27/2026)