

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>UNITEDHEALTHCARE OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.</b>	:	<b>CIVIL ACTION</b>
	:	
<b>v.</b>	:	<b>NO. 25-7187</b>
	:	
<b>NORTHSTAR ANESTHESIA OF PENNSYLVANIA, LLC</b>	:	
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**ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, upon reviewing Defendant’s consent Motion (ECF 8) to amend its obligations to timely respond to the Complaint (ECF 1), relying upon Defendant’s representations of good faith efforts to resolve the matter short of further litigation, and finding good cause conditioned upon the parties’ diligent good faith efforts to resolve the matter consistent with Rule 1 before their clients incur further expense, it is **ORDERED** we **GRANT** Defendant’s consent Motion (ECF 8):

1. **Granting** Defendant leave to respond to the Complaint (ECF 1) by no later than **February 13, 2026**;

2. **Requiring** the parties continue meaningful good faith efforts (not just email) to resolve the dispute including:

a. Plaintiff email Defendant’s counsel a fulsome Rule 408 demand detailing its demand along with supporting information by no later than **January 16, 2026** and Defendant to respond with a fulsome Rule 408 email detailing their counteroffer by no later than **January 21, 2026**; and,

b. Defendant file a Notice not exceeding three pages by no later than **January 29, 2026** and, if warranted, **February 10, 2026**, detailing progress toward settlement

including the parties' position as to the appointment of a court approved mediator such as Honorable Joseph T. Walsh (*Ret.*) (or another mediator approved by the parties) to meet with the parties before filing a Response under this Order.

  
KEARNEY, J.