

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03525-DLF**

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT v.
UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE &
MEDICAID SERVICES et al
Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/27/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

**GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY
& OVERSIGHT**

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/27/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT <i>Under the Freedom of Information Act</i> against CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10516480) filed by GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons)(Hardin, Matthew) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
11/28/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zrtw) (Entered: 11/28/2023)

11/28/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 11/28/2023)
12/01/2023	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Cochran Horner on behalf of GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 12/01/2023)
12/04/2023	<u>4</u>	STANDARD ORDER for Civil Cases. See text for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 4, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 12/04/2023)
12/24/2023	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephanie R. Johnson on behalf of UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 12/24/2023)
12/24/2023	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Complaint</i> by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 12/24/2023)
12/26/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendants' <u>6</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Respond, it is ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Accordingly, the defendants shall file their answer or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before January 23, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 26, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 12/26/2023)
01/23/2024	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES.(Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 01/23/2024)
01/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a Meet and Confer report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The report should address the status of the plaintiff's FOIA request, including the anticipated number of documents responsive to the request and the anticipated date(s) for release of the requested documents. The parties shall file the Meet and Confer report on or before February 22, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 23, 2024. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 01/23/2024)
02/22/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 02/22/2024)
02/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the defendants are directed to provide the plaintiff on or before March 11, 2024 with (1) a revised estimate of the volume of responsive records broken down by custodian and (2) an estimate of the total page count of responsive records. On or before March 29, 2024, the parties shall file a joint status report updating the Court on any outstanding issues as to the plaintiff's FOIA requests. The parties shall also propose a schedule for further proceedings. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on February 23, 2024. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 02/23/2024)
02/23/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: A revised estimate of the volume of responsive records broken down by custodian and (2) an estimate of the total page count of responsive records due by 3/11/2024. (zjch,) (Entered: 02/23/2024)
03/29/2024	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 03/29/2024)
03/30/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties are directed to file another joint status report by May 13, 2024, informing the Court as to their progress resolving the remaining issues in this case and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule for all remaining issues. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 30, 2024. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 03/30/2024)

05/13/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
05/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties are directed to file another joint status report by June 27, 2024, informing the Court as to their progress resolving the remaining issues in this case and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule for all remaining issues. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 13, 2024. (lcdf2) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
06/27/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 06/27/2024)
06/27/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties are directed to file another joint status report by August 27, 2024, informing the Court as to their progress resolving the remaining issues in this case and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule for all remaining issues. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 27, 2024. (lcdf2) (Entered: 06/27/2024)
08/27/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 08/27/2024)
08/27/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before October 28, 2024, informing the Court as to their progress resolving the remaining issues in this case and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule for all remaining issues. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 27, 2024. (lcdf2) (Entered: 08/27/2024)