

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02444-LLA**

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

Date Filed: 08/23/2023  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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**GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY  
& OVERSIGHT**

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**Defendant**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/23/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES <i>and US Department of Health and Human Services</i> ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10296546) 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: 08/23/2023)
08/23/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zrtw) (Entered: 08/23/2023)
08/23/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

		HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 08/23/2023)
08/23/2023	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Cochran Horner on behalf of GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 08/23/2023)
09/20/2023	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephanie R. Johnson on behalf of UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 09/20/2023)
09/22/2023	<u>5</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 22, 2023. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 09/22/2023)
09/25/2023	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 09/25/2023)
09/26/2023		MINUTE ORDER. To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before October 24, 2023, the parties shall file a joint proposed briefing schedule governing further proceedings. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 26, 2023. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 09/26/2023)
09/26/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 10/24/2023. (zalh) (Entered: 09/26/2023)
10/24/2023	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 10/24/2023)
10/25/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The Court requiring additional information regarding the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on October 30, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., the parties shall appear before the Court for a status conference, via teleconference, by calling 1-877-873-8017 and entering the Court's access code (8583213#) followed by the pound key (#). Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 25, 2023. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
10/26/2023	<u>8</u>	MOTION to Continue by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 10/26/2023)
10/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>8</u> Defendants' Motion to Continue, it is hereby ORDERED that the <u>8</u> Defendants' Motion to Continue is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the status conference currently scheduled for October 30, 2023, is CONTINUED to November 7, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. The parties shall appear before the Court, via teleconference, by calling 1-877-873-8017 and entering the Court's access code (8583213#) followed by the pound key (#). Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 27, 2023. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 10/27/2023)
11/07/2023		Minute Entry for telephonic proceedings held before Judge Reggie B. Walton: Status Conference held on 11/7/2023. The Court orders the defendants to process at least 400 pages per month of responsive records to the plaintiff's request, and produce to the plaintiff the non-exempt portions of the processed responsive records. Status Conference set for 12/7/2023 at 9:30 AM via teleconference before Judge Reggie B. Walton. (Court Reporter: Sara Wick) (zalh) (Entered: 11/07/2023)
11/07/2023	<u>9</u>	ORDER. In accordance with the attached Order, it is hereby ORDERED that, until otherwise ordered by the Court, the defendants shall, every month, process at least four hundred (400) pages of responsive records to the plaintiff's request, and produce to the plaintiff the non-exempt portions of the processed responsive records. It is further ORDERED that, on December 7, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., the parties shall appear before the Court for a status conference, via teleconference, by calling 1-877-873-8017 and entering the Court's access code (8583213) followed by the pound key (#). Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on November 7, 2023. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 11/07/2023)

12/04/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 12/04/2023)
12/05/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the status conference currently scheduled for December 7, 2023, is VACATED. It is further ORDERED that, on or before January 18, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding the status of the productions in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 5, 2023. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 12/05/2023)
12/14/2023		Case directly reassigned to Judge Loren L. AliKhan. Judge Reggie B. Walton is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 12/14/2023)
01/18/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 01/18/2024)
01/22/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>11</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 18, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 01/22/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 01/22/2024)
01/22/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 3/18/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 01/22/2024)
03/18/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 03/18/2024)
03/18/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of parties' Joint Status Report <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before May 17, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 03/18/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 03/18/2024)
03/20/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 5/17/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 03/20/2024)
05/15/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/15/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of parties' Joint Status Report <u>13</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before July 17, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 05/15/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/16/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 7/17/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 05/16/2024)
07/16/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 07/16/2024)
07/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of parties' Joint Status Report <u>14</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before September 17, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 07/16/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 07/16/2024)
07/17/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 9/17/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 07/17/2024)
09/17/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 09/17/2024)
09/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of parties' Joint Status Report <u>15</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 18, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 09/17/24. (lc1la2) (Entered: 09/17/2024)

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