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UnitedHealth Group Incorporated.,))
Opposer,) Opposition No. 91255563
V.))
Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association,))
Applicant.))
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RESPONSE TO BOARD INQUIRY

On June 8, 2020, the Board suspended the instant opposition proceeding pursuant to 37 CFR § 2.117(a) and TBMP § 510.02(a) due to ongoing litigation in the civil action captioned Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association v. UnitedHealth Group Incorporated, No. 20-cv-01035 (D. Minn. filed April 28, 2020) (the "District Court Case").

On June 8, 2021, the Board requested information regarding the status of the District Court Case. Opposer UnitedHealth Group Incorporated hereby confirms that the parties the parties have settled, and the District Court Case was dismissed on June 16, 2021. The Applicant will now make a filing related to the opposed application as required by a confidential settlement agreement. A docket report from the federal Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) database for the District Court Case is attached as Exhibit A.

Therefore, Opposer requests the continued suspension of the captioned opposition proceeding pending disposition of the Applicant's filings associated with the settlement agreement.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and complete copy of the foregoing **Response to Board Inquiry** is being served upon Applicant, on June 28, 2021, via email (based on agreement of the parties) to:

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Exhibit A

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U.S. District Court U.S. District of Minnesota (DMN) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 0:20-cv-01035-SRN-KMM

Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association v. UnitedHealth

Group, Incorporated et al

Assigned to: Judge Susan Richard Nelson

Referred to: Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez

Cause: 15:1114 Trademark Infringement

Date Filed: 04/28/2020 Date Terminated: 06/16/2021

Jury Demand: Both

Nature of Suit: 840 Trademark Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text	
06/16/2021	<u>42</u>	ORDER DISMISSING CASE, re: <u>40</u> Stipulation of Dismissal. Signed by Judge Susan Richard Nelson on 6/16/2021. (SMD) (Entered: 06/16/2021)	
06/15/2021	<u>41</u>	PROPOSED ORDER TO JUDGE re <u>40</u> Stipulation of Dismissal. (Weng, Garner) (Entered: 06/15/2021)	
06/15/2021	<u>40</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Jointly Signed by UnitedHealth Group Incorporated, Health Plan of Nevada, Inc., and Sierra Health Services, Inc (Weng, Garner) (Entered: 06/15/2021)	
05/24/2021	<u>39</u>	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez: Settlement Conference held on 5/24/2021. No settlement. See Minutes for details. (KAT) (Entered: 05/26/2021)	
05/13/2021	<u>38</u>	ORDER granting <u>36</u> Stipulation Regarding Modification of the Pretrial Scheduling Order. Fact Discovery due by 7/12/2021. Expert Discovery due by	

		10/18/2021. Motions (non-disp) due 7/26/2021. Motions (disp) due by 10/18/2021. Signed by Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez on 5/13/202 (KAT) (Entered: 05/13/2021)		
05/12/2021	<u>37</u>	PROPOSED ORDER TO JUDGE re Stipulation Regarding Modification of the Pretrial Scheduling Order <u>36</u> Stipulation. (Lancaster, Peter) (Entered: 05/12/2021)		
05/12/2021	<u>36</u>	STIPULATION Regarding Modification of the Pretrial Scheduling Order by Health Plan of Nevada, Inc., Sierra Health Services, Inc., UnitedHealth Group, Incorporated. Jointly Signed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. (Lancaster, Peter) (Entered: 05/12/2021)		
04/28/2021	<u>35</u>	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez: Status Conference held on 4/28/2021. (KAT) (Entered: 04/28/2021)		
03/05/2021	34	(Text-Only) ORDER/NOTICE: Status Conference set for 4/28/2021 at 09:30 AM via Telephone Conference (no courtroom) before Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez. Call-in instructions have been emailed to counsel. Ordered by Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez on 3/5/2021. (KAT) (Entered: 03/05/2021)		
03/05/2021	33	ORDER/NOTICE: Settlement Conference set for 5/24/2021 at 09:00 AM in Video Conference (no courtroom) before Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez. Confidential Letter to Court due by 5/17/2021. Parties are directed Meet and Confer by 5/10/2021. Signed by Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez on 3/5/2021. (KAT) (Entered: 03/05/2021)		
03/03/2021	<u>32</u>	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez: Status Conference held on 3/3/2021. (KAT) (Entered: 03/03/2021)		
02/23/2021	31	PROTECTIVE ORDER. Signed by Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez on 2/23/2021.(KAT) (Entered: 02/23/2021)		
02/22/2021	30	STIPULATION for Protective Order filed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Jointly signed by Defendants (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Stipulated Protective Order)(Weng, Garner) Modified text on 2/23/2021 (kt). (Entered: 02/22/2021)		
12/03/2020	29	(Text-Only) ORDER/NOTICE: Status Conference set for 3/3/2021 at 09:00 AN via Telephone Conference (no courtroom) before Magistrate Judge Katherine Menendez. Call-in instructions have been emailed to counsel. Ordered by Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez on 12/3/2020. (KAT) (Entered: 12/03/2020)		
09/28/2020	28	PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER: Amended Pleadings due by 11/6/2020. Fact Discovery due by 6/11/2021. Expert Discovery due by 9/17/2021. Motions (non-disp) due 6/25/2021. Motions (disp) due by 9/17/2021. Ready for trial due by 1/18/2022. Signed by Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez on 9/28/2020.(KAT) Modified text on 9/29/2020 (KDS). (Entered: 09/28/2020)		
09/28/2020	27	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez: Initial Pretrial Conference held on 9/28/2020. See Minutes for details. (KAT) (Entered: 09/28/2020)		

09/23/2020	<u>26</u>	REPORT of Rule 26(f) Planning Meeting. Filed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Jointly Signed by UnitedHealth Group Incorporated, Health Plan of Nevada, Inc., and Sierra Health Services, Inc(Weng, Garner) (Entered: 09/23/2020)		
09/08/2020	<u>25</u>	ANSWER in REPLY to Counterclaim filed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. (Thompson, Janie) (Entered: 09/08/2020)		
08/18/2020	24	ORDER/NOTICE: Telephonic Pretrial Conference set for 9/28/2020 at 09:00 AM by Telephone Conference (no courtroom) before Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez. Call-in instructions have been emailed to counsel. Signed by Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez on 8/18/2020.(KAT) (Entered: 08/18/2020)		
08/17/2020	23	REPORT ON FILING OF PATENT/TRADEMARK ACTION (AO 120) (USPTO noticed with filing). (Lancaster, Peter) (Entered: 08/17/2020)		
08/17/2020	22	ANSWER to Complaint, COUNTERCLAIM against Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. filed by Health Plan of Nevada, Inc., UnitedHealth Group, Incorporated. (Lancaster, Peter) (Entered: 08/17/2020)		
08/17/2020	21	ORDER granting 19 Stipulation to Join Additional Party. Sierra Health Servic Inc. shall be added as a party and named a Counterclaim Plaintiff in this action Signed by Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez on 8/17/2020.(KAT) (Entered: 08/17/2020)		
08/14/2020	<u>20</u>	PROPOSED ORDER TO JUDGE re 19 Stipulation. (Tunheim, Samuel) (Entered: 08/14/2020)		
08/14/2020	<u>19</u>	STIPULATION to Join Additional Party by UnitedHealth Group, Incorporate Jointly Signed by UnitedHealth Group, Incorporated, Health Plan of Nevada, Inc., and Blue Cross Blue Shield Association. (Tunheim, Samuel) (Entered: 08/14/2020)		
07/28/2020	18	(Text-Only) ORDER granting 16 Stipulation to Extend Time to Answer Complaint. Health Plan of Nevada, Inc. answer due 8/17/2020; UnitedHealth Group, Incorporated answer due 8/17/2020. Ordered by Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez on 7/28/2020.(KAT) (Entered: 07/28/2020)		
07/27/2020	<u>17</u>	PROPOSED ORDER TO JUDGE re <u>16</u> Stipulation. (Bjorklund, Shannon) (Entered: 07/27/2020)		
07/27/2020	<u>16</u>	STIPULATION to Extend Time to Answer Complaint by Health Plan of Nevada, Inc., UnitedHealth Group, Incorporated. Jointly Signed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. (Bjorklund, Shannon) (Entered: 07/27/2020)		
07/27/2020	<u>15</u>	RULE 7.1 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. UnitedHealth Group, Incorporated, a publicly held corporation, does not have a parent corporation. Health Plan of Nevada, Inc. is a direct, 100%-owned subsidiary of Sierra Health Services, Inc. (Bjorklund, Shannon) Modified text on 7/28/2020 (KDS). (Entered: 07/27/2020)		
07/27/2020	14	NOTICE of Appearance by Peter M. Lancaster, Shannon L Bjorklund, and Samuel Tunheim on behalf of Health Plan of Nevada, Inc., UnitedHealth Group,		

		Incorporated. (Bjorklund, Shannon) Modified text on 7/28/2020 (KDS). (Entered: 07/27/2020)			
06/03/2020	13	WAIVER OF SERVICE Returned Executed filed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Health Plan of Nevada, Inc. waiver sent on 5/28/2020, answer due 7/27/2020. (Weng, Garner) (Entered: 06/03/2020)			
06/03/2020	12	WAIVER OF SERVICE Returned Executed filed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. UnitedHealth Group, Incorporated waiver sent on 5/28/2020, answer due 7/27/2020. (Weng, Garner) (Entered: 06/03/2020)			
05/11/2020	11	TEXT ONLY ENTRY: ORDER granting 7 Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Attorney Garner K. Weng for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association; granting 8 Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Attorney Janie L. Thompson for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association; granting 9 Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Attorney Noel M. Cook for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association; granting 10 Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Attorney Neema Sam Ghiasi for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Approved by Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez on 5/11/2020. (NAH) (Entered: 05/11/2020)			
05/08/2020	10	MOTION for Admission Pro Hac Vice for Attorney Neema S. Ghiasi. Filing fe \$ 100, receipt number AMNDC-7706893 filed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. (Louwagie, Nathan) (Entered: 05/08/2020)			
05/08/2020	9	MOTION for Admission Pro Hac Vice for Attorney Noel M. Cook. Filing fee 100, receipt number AMNDC-7706881 filed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. (Louwagie, Nathan) (Entered: 05/08/2020)			
05/08/2020	8	MOTION for Admission Pro Hac Vice for Attorney Janie L. Thompson. Filin fee \$ 100, receipt number AMNDC-7706863 filed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. (Louwagie, Nathan) (Entered: 05/08/2020)			
05/08/2020	7	MOTION for Admission Pro Hac Vice for Attorney Garner K. Weng. Filing fe \$ 100, receipt number AMNDC-7706826 filed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. (Louwagie, Nathan) (Entered: 05/08/2020)			
04/28/2020	<u>6</u>	Summons Issued as to Health Plan of Nevada, Inc., UnitedHealth Group, Incorporated. (kt) (Entered: 04/28/2020)			
04/28/2020	5	TEXT ONLY ENTRY: CLERK'S NOTICE OF INITIAL CASE ASSIGNMENT. Case assigned to Judge Susan Richard Nelson per 3rd/4th Trademark list, referred to Magistrate Judge Katherine M. Menendez. Please us case number 20-cv-1035 SRN/KMM. (kt) (Entered: 04/28/2020)			
04/28/2020	4	TEXT ONLY ENTRY: Notice re: Non-Admitted Attorney We have received documents listing Garner K. Weng, JAnie L. Thompson, Noel M. Cook, Neema S. Ghiasi as counsel of record. If he or she wishes to b listed as an attorney of record in this case, he or she must be admitted to the ba of the U.S. District Court of Minnesota in accordance with Local Rule 83.5 (a) (b) and (c) or temporarily admitted pro hac vice in accordance with Local Rule 83.5 (d) or (e).			

		For more admissions information and forms, please see the Attorney Forms Section of the courts website at http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/FORMS/court_forms.shtml#attorneyforms . (kt) (Entered: 04/28/2020)	
04/28/2020	<u>3</u>	EPORT ON FILING OF PATENT/TRADEMARK ACTION (AO 120) USPTO noticed with filing). (Carlson, Alan) (Entered: 04/28/2020)	
04/28/2020	<u>2</u>	RULE 7.1 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. There is no parent corporation, publicly held corporation or wholly-owned subsidiary to report for Plaintiff Blucross and Blue Shield Association. (Carlson, Alan) (Entered: 04/28/2020)	
04/28/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against Health Plan of Nevada, Inc., UnitedHealth Group, Incorporated (filing fee \$ 400, receipt number AMNDC-7680651) filed by Blu Cross and Blue Shield Association. Filer requests summons issued. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit(s) Exhibit A, # 2 Civil Cover Sheet) (Carlson, Alan) (Entered: 04/28/2020)	

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