

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

CITY OF COLUMBUS ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR. ET AL.,

Defendants.

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Civil No. 25-2114-BAH

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ORDER

For the reasons stated in the accompanying memorandum opinion, it is, by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiffs’ motion for a stay under 5 U.S.C. § 705 or, in the alternative, for a preliminary injunction, ECF 11, construed as a motion for a stay under 5 U.S.C. § 705, is **GRANTED** in part and **DENIED** in part;
2. The effective dates of the following provisions of the final rule entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Marketplace Integrity and Affordability,” 90 Fed. Reg. 27074, are **STAYED** pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 705 pending a final ruling on the merits of this case:
 - a. The imposition of a \$5 premium penalty on automatic re-enrollees, through the addition of 45 C.F.R. § 155.335(a)(3) and (n) and revisions to 45 C.F.R. § 155.330(j);
 - b. The revocation of guaranteed insurance coverage for individuals with past-due premiums, through revisions to 45 C.F.R. § 147.104(i);
 - c. The failure to reconcile policy in 45 C.F.R. § 155.305(f)(4), including the final rule’s amendments to that policy through the addition of 45 C.F.R. § 155.305(f)(4)(iii);
 - d. The imposition of eligibility verification for the special enrollment period, through the revisions to 45 C.F.R. § 155.420(g);

- e. The imposition of a requirement that Exchanges verify household income inconsistencies when a tax filer’s attested projected annual household income differs from “trusted data sources,” through revisions to 45 C.F.R. § 155.320(c)(3)(iii);
- f. The changes to the de minimis ranges for actuarial value calculations, through revisions to 45 C.F.R. §§ 156.140(c), 156.200(b)(3), and 156.400.

3. The Court **DECLINES** to stay the effective dates of the following provisions:

- a. The change to the measure for calculating the premium adjustment percentage set forth in 90 Fed. Reg. 27,166 through 27,178;
- b. The elimination of the 60-day extension of time to resolve inconsistencies in household income data, through the removal of 45 C.F.R. § 155.315(f)(7) and revisions to 45 C.F.R. § 155.320(c)(5).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 22, 2025

/s/
Brendan A. Hurson
United States District Judge