

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.

Civil No. 25-2114-BAH

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ORDER

For the reasons stated in the accompanying memorandum opinion, and upon consideration of Plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment, ECF 65, and Defendants’ cross-motion for summary judgment, ECF 68, it is this 12th day of June, 2026, by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, hereby ORDERED that:

- (1) Plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment, ECF 65, is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part;
- (2) Defendants’ motion for summary judgment, ECF 68, is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part;
- (3) The following provisions of the final rule entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Marketplace Integrity and Affordability,” 90 Fed. Reg. 27074, are VACATED pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 706:
 - 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 shortened open enrollment period beginning in 2027, through revisions to 45 C.F.R. § 155.410(e) and (f);
- f. 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);
- g. 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) and the addition of 45 C.F.R. § 155.320(c)(3)(vi)(C)(2);
- h. 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; and

