

**STATE OF VERMONT  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL REGULATION**

**In Re:**

<b>Affiliation of Blue Cross and Blue</b>	)	
<b>Shield of Vermont and Blue Cross</b>	)	<b>Docket No. 23-014-I</b>
<b>Blue Shield of Michigan Mutual</b>	)	
<b>Insurance Company</b>	)	

**Order of Additional Time**

The statutory deadlines included in 8 V.S.A. §§ 4523(c), 4595(c) are important to encourage the prompt consideration of applications submitted to the Department of Financial Regulation. This interest in prompt action must be balanced against the Department's paramount obligation to supervise regulated entities in a manner that protects the best interests of subscribers and the State of Vermont.

To ensure the Parties have adequate time to resolve outstanding issues and to facilitate a fulsome review by the Hearing Officer and Commissioner, I find that additional time is required. I also find that BCBSM and BCBSVT have waived the 30-day determination deadline.

As such, all Parties' filings must be submitted by **September 27, 2023**, and a determination shall be issued by **October 11, 2023**.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING OFFICER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 25th day of September, 2023.

By: *Jeannie Oliver*  
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Hearing Officer