

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

AVE MARIA FOUNDATION, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 13-cv-15198

v.

HONORABLE STEPHEN J. MURPHY, III

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, et al.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO STAY (document no. 16), STAYING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS, AND ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSING THE CASE**

On January 13, 2014, the Court issued a preliminary injunction that enjoins Defendants from enforcing against Plaintiffs federal regulations that require employer-sponsored health insurance plans to include coverage for contraceptives, abortifacients, and sterilization at no cost to the plan beneficiaries. Opinion & Order, ECF No. 15. The parties now jointly move to stay the case.

The Sixth Circuit has recently expedited appeals in *Catholic Diocese of Nashville v. Sebelius*, No. 13-6640 (6th Cir.), and *Michigan Catholic Conference v. Sebelius*, No. 13-2723 (6th Cir.). Due to the similarities between this case and the expedited appeals, a stay is appropriate until Defendants' opportunity for appealing the preliminary injunction has passed or, if an appeal is filed, until that appeal is resolved. Therefore, the Court will grant the parties' joint motion for a stay.

**ORDER**

**WHEREFORE**, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties' joint motion to stay (document no. 16) is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the case is **STAYED** until fourteen (14) days after the expiration of the time for Defendants to file a notice of appeal or, if Defendants file a notice of appeal, until fifteen (15) days after the mandate issues with respect to that appeal, whichever is later.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this case is **CLOSED** for administrative and statistical purposes while the case is stayed. This closing is not a decision on the merits. Any party may move to reopen this case at any time.

**SO ORDERED.**

s/Stephen J. Murphy, III  
STEPHEN J. MURPHY, III  
United States District Judge

Dated: January 23, 2014

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the parties and/or counsel of record on January 23, 2014, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

Carol Cohron  
Case Manager