

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE  
PRACTITIONERS, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LINDA MCMAHON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:26-cv-01780

**JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

On June 24, 2026, the Court entered an order and memorandum opinion granting in part and denying in part Plaintiffs' motions for preliminary relief and directing the parties to jointly propose a briefing schedule by July 2, 2026. ECF Nos. 45, 46. On June 29, 2026, Defendants filed a Notice of Department Action of the publication of "technical guidance for institutions regarding the classification of degree programs for the duration of this Court's stay." ECF No. 47. That guidance identifies a list of Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Codes that it designates as professional degree programs for reporting student loan originations and disbursements, and a list of CIP Codes that it designates as non-professional degree programs for that purpose. ECF No. 47-1. To the *AANP* Plaintiffs' understanding, these lists do not appear to cover all of *AANP* Plaintiffs' relevant degree programs, including advanced nursing degrees that can be earned in other CIP Codes that are not listed. Plaintiffs have accordingly reached out to counsel for the government to seek clarification as to whether the list is exhaustive, whether it will be updated, and how to interpret it. The *PA* Plaintiffs have also asked the Department, and await a response, on the scope of the Department's guidance as to Physician

Associates/Assistants. Counsel for the government is consulting with their clients, and those discussions are ongoing as the Department of Education actively considers updates to the technical guidance.

In light of the foregoing, the parties jointly request a one-week extension of the deadline to submit a proposed briefing schedule to allow the parties to complete their discussions regarding the Department's June 29, 2026, guidance and assess its impact on the appropriate schedule for further proceedings.

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**[Proposed] ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Upon consideration of the parties' joint motion for extension of time to file a joint status report, the motion is **GRANTED**. The parties shall submit jointly a status report with a proposed schedule governing further proceedings in this matter, including the filing of the administrative record, by **July 9, 2026**. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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*The Honorable Beryl A. Howell*  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE