

1 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
2 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

3 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

4 **Plaintiff,**

5 **v.**

6 **COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO,**
7 **et al.,**

CIVIL NO. 99-1435 (GAG-MEL)

8 **Defendants.**

9 **ORDER: Supplementing Payment to Providers Order at Docket No. 3259**

10 The Court notes as mentioned in its previous Order at Docket No. 3259 that the issue of
11 delayed provider payments is a recurring and systemic matter. In July of this year the JCC informed
12 of such a situation. See Docket No. 2944. Following a Court order directing DSPDI to respond, see
13 Docket No. 2947, the Commonwealth committed itself to resolving the matter once and for all:

14 *In particular, regarding payments to providers, the DSPDI is fully committed to*
15 *implementing a process whereby providers are paid without delay, and has designed an Action Plan*
16 *to address the situation. A copy of such Action Plan was also submitted to the special investigator*
17 *together with the Statement of Account. The purpose of the Action Plan is to establish a system for*
18 *monitoring and timely payment of all provider invoices. The DSPDI is fully committed to this effort,*
19 *and to working with the providers to improve the submission and payment of their invoices, all within*
20 *the requirements of the Commonwealth's payment systems. See Informative Motion Regarding*
21 *Compliance with Request from Special Investigator at Docket No. 2963 at Paragraph 7.*
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1 The Court, thus, unfortunately finds that the Commonwealth at this time has not lived up to
2 its assurances to remedy on its own the matter of delayed payments to providers. This is not
3 acceptable, as it will result in the implosion and collapse of essential services to participants.

4 **SO ORDERED.**

5 In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 30th of October, 2020.

6 *s/ Gustavo A. Gelpí*
7 GUSTAVO A. GELPI
8 United States District Judge
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