

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

COMMON GROUND HEALTHCARE
COOPERATIVE,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNITED STATES,

Defendant.

No. 17-877

Filed: September 23, 2025

ORDER

On August 15, 2025, Class Counsel filed their Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement with Defendant and to Direct Notice to the Settlement Class. Class Counsel requests that the Court (1) preliminarily approve the Proposed Settlement Agreement with Defendant for the Settlement Classes; (2) direct notice to the proposed Settlement Classes in connection with the class action settlement, and approve the proposed forms and manner of notice; (3) authorize retention of JND Legal Administration as Settlement Administrator; and (4) schedule a hearing to determine whether the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate under RCFC 23(e).

Having reviewed the Motion and accompanying memoranda, record, the arguments of counsel, and the relevant authorities, the Court hereby orders that the Motion (ECF No. 278) is **GRANTED**. The Court finds preliminary approval of the Proposed Settlement Agreement is appropriate because Class Counsel has shown that that the Court will likely be able to finally approve the settlement under RCFC 23(e)(2) and certify the class for purposes of the settlement. *See* RCFC 23(e)(1)(B).

Accordingly, the Court grants preliminarily approval of the Proposed Settlement Agreement with Defendant for the Settlement Classes; directs notice to the proposed Settlement Classes in connection with the class action settlement, in the manner described in the August 15, 2025, Declaration of Leonard Greene and utilizing the proposed form of notice in Exhibit A thereto; authorizes retention of JND Legal Administration as Settlement Administrator; and schedules a hearing to determine whether the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate under RCFC 23(e). The schedule on which the above events shall proceed is as follows:

Notice campaign to begin	September 25, 2025
Last day for objections and requests for exclusion from the Settlement Class	October 14, 2025
Last day for motions in support of final approval of settlement	October 21, 2025
Final Approval (Fairness) Hearing	November 6, 2025

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 23, 2025

/s/ Kathryn C. Davis
KATHRYN C. DAVIS
Judge