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United States Supreme Court
Attention: Clerk's Office
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

**Re: John F. Kodenkandeth v. Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, et al.,
No. 26-5741**

To the Honorable Justices of the United States Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Clerk's Office:

I write on behalf of respondent Highmark Health in response to the petition for a writ of certiorari filed by pro se petitioner John F. Kodenkandeth in the above caption matter. Because this case clearly does not warrant review by the Court, Highmark Health does not intend to respond to the petition unless requested. Enclosed please find Highmark Health's waiver, which was electronically filed on this date.

Very truly yours,

s/ Ted A. Hages

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Enclosure

cc: John F. Kodenkandeth (via regular mail)
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W A I V E R

Supreme Court of the United States

No. 26-5741

John F. Kodenkandeth,

v.

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, et al.

(Petitioner)

(Respondent)

I DO NOT INTEND TO FILE A RESPONSE to the petition unless one is requested by the Court.

Please check the appropriate box:

- ☐ I am filing this waiver on behalf of all respondents.
- ☒ I only represent some respondents. I am filing this waiver on behalf of the following respondent(s):

Highmark Health

Please check the appropriate box:

- ☒ I am a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. (E-file signed waiver)
- ☐ I am not presently a member of the Bar of this Court. Should a response be requested, the response will be filed by a Bar member. (Mail signed waiver to: Supreme Court, Attn: Clerk's Office, 1 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20543).

Corporate disclosure statement required by Rule 15.9 (or write N/A):

Highmark Health is a Pennsylvania nonstock, nonprofit corporation with no members or shareholders.

Parties to the proceeding not identified by the petition (or write N/A):

Stock ticker symbols, if any, for parties, corporations, or companies listed above (or write N/A):

Signature: s/ Ted A. Hages

Date: 10/22/26

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A copy of this form must be sent to Petitioner. No additional certificate of service or cover letter is required.

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Petitioner John F. Kodenkandeth
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