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**IN THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY
 PROCUREMENT APPEAL**

IN THE APPEAL OF:)	DOCKET NO. OPA-PA-19-005
)	
TAKECARE INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.)	
)	
Appellant,)	OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
)	MOTION TO CONTINUE MERIT
and)	HEARING TO AUGUST 22, 2019
)	
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION,)	
)	
Purchasing Agency.)	

Purchasing Agency opposes Appellant's request to continue the merit hearing to August 22, 2019.

The current contract to provide health insurance coverage expires September 30, 2019. The government of Guam will need at least a month to evaluate proposals and negotiate with offerors. Upon selection by the Governor of the most beneficial and economical exclusive or nonexclusive proposal, additional time is required for government of Guam employees and retirees

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to enroll in health insurance plans. The government of Guam cannot afford a disruption in health insurance services to government employees, retirees and their families. As such the Purchasing Agency cannot agree to a delay of the procurement process and opposes Appellant's request to continue the merit hearing.

Submitted this 8th day of July, 2019.

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