



Good afternoon, Chairman Barta, Members of the Senate Industry and Business committee. My name is Megan Hruby and I am with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota.

I am here this afternoon to provide some education on Senate bill 2124, the bill relating to Market Conduct Annual Statements (MCAS.) BCBSND is positioning neutral on the bill with a request for a few small amendments, if possible.

In reviewing the impacts of SB 2124, we did ask several divisions within the company what the time requirements would be in gathering the dense amounts of data required in the MCAS reporting. At least for this first year, I received responses ranging from 15 hours from one department to a couple of months for another, due to staffing and resource issues. Another department felt that they could get the work done in a few weeks' time if they devoted their focus to MCAS reporting alone. Our claims department, who would be unable to stop work on claims processing, felt that they could complete the reporting in 10-11 weeks. In total, we estimated around 400-500 hours of time focused on completing the market conduct annual statement. Because of the amount of resource required to adequately supply the data requested, we respectfully request that the emergency clause be removed, and the implementation date begin on January 1, 2026. Our hope is that in future years, we would be able to automate some of the reporting and that the Insurance Department would eliminate some of the other required reports and pull any duplicative data from that already provided.

Thank you for your consideration and I will stand for any questions.