

**Testimony Before the House Insurance and Financial Services  
Committee**

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Chair Carter and members of the House Insurance and Financial Services Committee, I am Gabe Basso – Manager, State Government Relations for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Thank you for the opportunity to come before you to offer our support of Senate Bill 101.

As introduced by Senator Sarah Anthony, Senate Bill 101 would amend the Insurance Code by removing a 2022 sunset to permanently allow insurance company boards and their committees, to meet virtually. The legislation before you would align the Insurance Code with other laws that already enable non-profit and for-profit corporations to conduct meetings virtually.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan’s board members represent a diverse array of professional interests from across the state – many of whom take time away from their jobs and provider practices in order to travel to in-person board meetings. The ability to conduct these meetings virtually has proven to be more cost-effective, increase productivity, and provide additional flexibilities to participate.

In May of each year, our members are invited to participate in an annual meeting that is open to all Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan subscribers. Historically, few have opted to endure the travel or expense to attend in-person. The ability to conduct these annual meetings virtually has significantly increased our annual member participation.

In closing, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to come before you as you deliberate this legislation and we ask for swift adoption of Senate Bill 101, which will enable us to prepare for our upcoming annual May meeting.

Thank you, Madame Chair and members. With that, I am happy to answer any questions.