

Testimony of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield In Opposition to L.D. 910, "An Act to Collect Data to Better Understand the Consumer's Health Insurance Experience" April 8, 2025

Good afternoon, Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee. My name is Kristine Ossenfort, and I am the Senior Government Relations Director for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in South Portland, Maine. I appear before you this morning to testify in opposition to L.D. 910, "An Act to Collect Data to Better Understand the Consumer's Health Insurance Experience".

L.D. 910 proposes to implement reporting requirements that are largely duplicative of reporting requirements established in legislation enacted last year in L.D. 796 (P.L. 2023, c. 680). The Bureau has completed an initial data call for retrospective data for calendar years 2021, 2022, and 2023; however, the first reports from carriers containing all the elements required by 24-A M.R.S.A. § 4302 are due this year. Since the existing data reporting requirements are still being implemented, we believe it is premature to amend those requirements.

We strongly urge you to vote "ought not to pass" on L.D. 910. Thank you, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have either now or at your work session.

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