

Ford revives antitrust conspiracy claim against BCBS in new lawsuit

Ford Motor Co. is suing BCBS Michigan, along with the BCBS Association, over an alleged antitrust conspiracy among Blues plans to fix healthcare prices, thereby overcharging Ford for health insurance provided to its employees.

In the [lawsuit](#) filed May 31 in a Michigan federal court, Ford accuses BCBS Michigan of unlawfully dividing geographic territory and reducing competition among Blues plans, resulting in "astronomical profits and extraordinary salaries, all at the substantial expense of consumers."

Ford said it was overcharged for commercial, ASO and self-funded plans from several BCBS plans across the country, including Kansas City, Tennessee, Illinois, and Anthem Missouri and Ohio.

Ford's claims are related to a \$2.7 billion [settlement](#) that the BCBSA and its affiliates reached with corporate and individual members in 2020. Ford had been a class member in that lawsuit but chose to opt out of the settlement and pursue its own claims against BCBS.

Ford said it is seeking damages related to the difference between what BCBS charged as a result of the alleged conspiracy and what the automaker would have paid "in a free and competitive market."

The BCBSA told *Becker's* it does not comment on active litigation.

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