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Hi all,

Doesn't this item in today's news sound a little like MERS when MERS uses the defined benefit funds to fund new companies?

Attorney General Mike COX said today he is filing suit against Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) for giving its for-profit subsidiary, Accident Fund, \$125 million last November, which it allegedly turned around and used to purchase CompWest Insurance Company.

Under state law, the not-for-profit BCBSM is not allowed to purchase other companies directly or indirectly through a subsidiary like Accident Fund. Cox is asking that the sale be reversed and BCBSM's ratepayers see rate relief.

Steve