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**LOBBYING REPORT**

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) -All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name <b>The OB-C Group, LLC</b>			
2. Registrant Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported Address <b>1350 Eye Street, NW</b> Suite <b>690</b> City <b>Washington</b> State/Zip (or Country) <b>DC 20005</b> <b>USA</b>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name <b>Celeste Dembowski</b>	Telephone <b>202-898-4746</b>	E-mail (optional) <b>cdembowski@ob-cgroup.com</b>	5. Senate ID # <b>29802-87</b>
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self <b>Blue Cross Blue Shield Association</b>			6. House ID # <b>30108005</b>

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-Dec)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  >> Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_

11. No Lobby: \_\_\_\_\_

**INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13**

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
<p><b>INCOME</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> &gt;&gt; \$ <u>\$140,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000 of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p><b>EXPENSES</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> &gt;&gt; \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method A.</b> Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method B.</b> Reporting amounts under section 603 of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method C.</b> Reporting amounts under section 162 of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8/14/2003

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Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

Client Name: Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. **Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.**

15. General issue area code BUD (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

**H.J.RES.2 , Joint Resolution making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, other purposes, Medicare Contractor Funding only.**

**S.1356 , Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004, Medicare Contractor Funding only.**

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

Check if None

**House of Representatives**

**Senate**

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
<b>Johnson, Michael S.</b>	
<b>Keating, Thomas</b>	
<b>Mellody, Charles J.</b>	
<b>Nelson, Patricia A.</b>	
<b>O'Brien, III, Lawrence F.</b>	
<b>Ruhlen, Mary Ellen</b>	
<b>Tarplin, Linda E.</b>	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

Check if None

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15. General issue area code HCR (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

\*\*\*, no specific bill, HIPAA privacy and HIPAA transaction & code sets issues.

\*\* , no specific bill, ICD-10 including sections of H1.

H.R.1562 , Veterans Health Care Cost Recovery Act of 2003, entire bill.

H.R.1770 , Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003, terrorism/bioterrorism impact on health insurance accounting standards with regard to FEHBP; and CareFirst.

H.R.1910 , Genetic Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance and Employment Act, genetics; genetic nondiscrimination

H.R.450 , Small Business Health Insurance Affordability Act of 2003, uninsured proposal/health insurance tax

H.R.5 , Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003, medical malpractice.

H.R.660 , Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003, AHPs.

H.R.877 , Patient Safety Improvement Act of 2003, patient safety.

H.R.953 , Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2003, mental health parity.

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**Department of Health & Human Services**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Senate**

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Item	Description	Data
16	Lobbying Issues	S.100 , Access to Affordable Health Care Act, uninsured proposal/health insurance tax credits.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1053 , Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2003, genetics; genetic nondiscrimination.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.11 , Patients First Act of 2003, medical malpractice.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.486 , Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2003, mental health parity.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.545 , Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003, AHPs.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.719 , Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003, terrorism/bioterrorism impact on health insurers; cost accounting standards regard to FEHBP; and CareFirst.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.720 , Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act, patient safety.



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15. General issue area code MMM (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

**H.R.1 , Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, Medigap; Medicare prescription drug benefit; H.R.2631 , Prescription Drug Benefit bill, prescription drug benefit.**

**H.R.810 , Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2003, Medicare reform and Medicare Contracting Reform; S.1 , Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act of 2003, Medigap; Medicare prescription drug benefit; S.1332 , Medicare Educational Regulatory Reform, and Contracting Improvement Act of 2003, Medicare reform and Medicare Contractor reform.**

**S.1369 , A bill to ensure that prescription drug benefits offered to medicare eligible enrollees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program are at least equal to the actuarial value of the prescription drug benefits offered to enrollees under the plan general, prescription drug benefit.**

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**Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.**

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City State/Zip (or Country)

22. New general description of client's business or activities

**LOBBYIST UPDATE**

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is **no longer** expected to act as a lobbyist for the client  
**McKernan, Kim F.**

**ISSUE UPDATE**

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that **no longer** pertain

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is **no longer** affiliated with the registrant or client

**FOREIGN ENTITIES**

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	C

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that **no longer** owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant or affiliated organization

Signature Celeste Dembowski Date 8/14/2003

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