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LOBBYING REPORT

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

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

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2001 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 Lobbying

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13	
<p align="center">12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME 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"/> >> \$ <u>\$120,000.00</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 align="center">13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES 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"/> >> \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033 the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) Internal Revenue Code</p>

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues
*, no specific bill, Medicare Contractor Funding.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
CMS
House of Representatives

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Johnson, Michael S.	
Keating, Thomas	
McKernan, Kim F.	
Mellody, Charles J.	
Nelson, Patricia A.	
O'Brien, III, Lawrence F.	
Ruhlen, Mary Ellen	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

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18a	Lobbyist Name	Tarplin, Linda E.
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No



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

16. Specific Lobbying issues

*****, no specific bill, Physician collective bargaining.

*****, no specific bill, ERISA Claims Rule.

*****, no specific bill, Anti-trust.

****, no specific bill, Tax credits for purchase of long-term care insurance.

***, no specific bill, FEHBP benefits 2002

** , no specific bill, Genetic testing.

* , no specific bill, Tax credits for the purchase of health insurance.

H.R.1774, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2001, AHPs, MEWAs, Administrative Simplification.

H.R.1975, To modify the deadline for initial compliance with the standards and implementation specification promulgated under section 1173 of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes., HIPAA Privacy Rule.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Department of Health & Human Services

House of Representatives

Senate

White House

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16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2315, Patients' Bill of Rights Act of 2001, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2563, To amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage., entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.602, Genetic Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance and Employment Act, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1052, Bipartisan Patient Protection Act, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.318, Genetic Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance and Employment Act, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.382, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance Act of 2001, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.543, Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2001, entire bill.
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15. General issue area code INS (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.831, Long-Term Care and Retirement Security Act of 2001, entire bill.

S.627, Long-Term Care and Retirement Security Act of 2001, entire bill.

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues
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15. General issue area code MMM (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

*****, no specific bill, Computer security in the healthcare industry.

****, no specific bill, Medicare Drug Card.

***, no specific bill, Medicare + Choice.

** , no specific bill, Medigap reform.

* , no specific bill, Medicare reform.

H.R.3391, Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2001, entire bill.

S.1135, Medicare Reform Act of 2001, entire bill.

S.1738, Medicare Appeals, Regulatory, and Contracting Improvement Act of 2001, entire bill.

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

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Senate

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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
Calio, Nicholas
Chadwick, Kirsten

ISSUE UPDATE

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

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Bus (city and state or cou

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

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

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