

Clerk of the House of Representatives
Legislative Resource Center
B-106 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
232 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

RECEIVED
SECRETARY OF THE
PUBLIC RECORDS

05 FEB 17 PM

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 # 29802-303
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self WellPoint Health Networks			6. House ID # 30108029

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2004 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-De

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>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>\$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>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 603 the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature _____

Date 2/10/2005

Signature _____

Printed Name and Title Celeste Dembowski - Office Administrator P:

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

Client Name: WellPoint Health Networks

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.CON.RES.393, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 through 2009, sections pertaining to budget reconciliation instructions to House Energy and Commerce Committee.

H.R.5006, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005, sections pertaining to Medicare Contractor funding only.

S.2810, An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, sections pertaining to Medicare Contractor funding only.

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

Check if None

HHS

House of Representatives

Senate

The White House

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 J.	
Marsh, Robert H.	Special Asst to the President for Leg. Affairs
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

Signature _____

Date 2/10/2005

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

Client Name: WellPoint Health Networks

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

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

Client Name: WellPoint Health Networks

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 HCR (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

***, no specific bill, E-prescribing standards.

** , no specific bill introduced, HIPAA privacy, electronic transactions and code sets.

H.R.2915, National Health Information Infrastructure Act of 2003, Health Information Technology.

H.R.3035, Medication Errors Reduction Act of 2003, entire bill.

H.R.3901, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums for high deductible plans required with respect to health savings accounts, Health savings Accounts.

H.R.4279, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused health benefit cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the , Treasury HSA Regulatory Guidance Flexible Spending Accounts Rule

H.R.4281, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2004, AHPs.

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

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

Check if None

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

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 J.	
Marsh, Robert H.	Special Asst to the President for Leg. Affairs
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

Date 2/10/2005

Signature _____

Printed Name and Title **Celeste Dembowski - Office Administrator** _____ 1

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLCClient Name: WellPoint Health Networks

Item	Description	Data
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.450, Small Business Health Insurance Affordability Act of 2003, the uninsured proposal and Health Insurance Tax Credits.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.4628, 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, Patients Bill of Rights.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.4880, Josie King Act of 2004 Quality, Efficiency, Standards, and Technology for Health Care Transformation Act of 2004, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.663, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act, Health Information Technology.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.953, Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2003, mental health parity.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.10, Health Care Coverage Expansion and Quality Improvement Act of 2003, mental health parity.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.100, Access to Affordable Health Care Act, the uninsured proposal and Health Insurance Tax Credits.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1729, Medication Errors Reduction Act of 2003, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1832, Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2003, mental health parity.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.2003, Health Information for Quality Improvement Act, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.2421, Health Care Modernization, Cost Reduction, and Quality Improvement Act, entire bill.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.2710, National Health Information Technology Adoption Act, health information technology.
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.720, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act, entire bill.
18a	Lobbyist Name	Tarplin, Linda E.
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

Client Name: WellPoint Health Networks

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 INS (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

***, no specific bill, Oxley-Baker Insurance Reform.

+++ , no specific bill, individual insurance market reform.

H.R.2096 , Long-Term Care and Retirement Security Act of 2003, long-term care insurance.

H.R.4662, Health Care Choice Act, individual health insurance coverage.

S.1335 , Long-Term Care and Retirement Security Act of 2003, long-term care insurance.

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

Check if None

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 J.	
Marsh, Robert H.	Special Asst to the President for Leg. Affairs
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

Signature _____ Date 2/10/2005

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

Client Name: WellPoint Health Networks

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

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

Client Name: WellPoint Health Networks

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 LBR (one per page)
- 16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.1120 , Health Care Antitrust Improvements Act of 2003, physician antitrust exemption.

- 17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
HHS
House of Representatives
Senate
The White House

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 J.	
Marsh, Robert H.	Special Asst to the President for Leg. Affairs
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

Signature _____ Date 2/10/2005

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

Client Name: WellPoint Health Networks

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

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

Client Name: WellPoint Health Networks

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 MMM (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

******, no specific bill, implementation of Medicare managed care actuarial soundness standard.

*****, no specific bill, Medicare Regions.

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

H.R.810, Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2003, Medicare contractor reform.

S.1332, Medicare Educational Regulatory Reform, and Contracting Improvement Act of 2003, Medicare contractor reform.

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

Check if None

Department of Health & Human Services

House of Representatives

Senate

White House

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 J.	
Marsh, Robert H.	Special Asst to the President for Leg. Affairs
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

Signature

Date 2/10/2005

Signature _____

Printed Name and Title Celeste Dembowski - Office Administrator _____ Page

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

Client Name: WellPoint Health Networks

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

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

Client Name: WellPoint Health Networks

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 TOR (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.4280, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2004, Medical Liability S.11, Patients First Act of 2003, Medical Liability Reform.

S.1751, Class Action Fairness Act of 2003, Class Action Reform.

S.274, Class Action Fairness Act of 2003, Class Action Reform.

S.607, HEALTH Act of 2003

Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare Act of 2003, Medical Liability Reform.

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

Check if None

HHS

House of Representatives

Senate

The White House

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 J.	
Marsh, Robert H.	Special Asst to the President for Leg. Affairs
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

Signature

Date 2/10/2005

Registrant Name: **The OB-C Group, LLC**

Client Name: **WellPoint Health Networks**

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

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLCClient Name: WellPoint Health Networks**Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.**

20. Client new address

655 15th Street, NW, Suite 425, Washington, DC, 20005

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

City Indianapolis State/Zip (or Country) IN, 46204

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

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

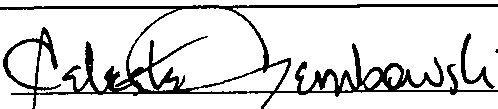
FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

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

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

Signature

Date 2/10/2005

