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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			5. Senate ID # 29802-87
Telephone 202-898-4746			E-mail (optional) cdembowski@ob-cgroup.com
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self Blue Cross Blue Shield Association			6. House ID # 30108005

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

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 Activities

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was: Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >> \$ <u>\$140,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)	EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were: Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$ _____)
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).	14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of method. <input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition <input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6013 of the Internal Revenue Code <input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature Celeste Dembowski Date 2/17/2004

Printed Name and Title Celeste Dembowski - Office Administrator P

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.R.2660 , Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004, Medicare Contractor Funding only.

H.R.2673 , Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004, 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)
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 2/17/2004

Printed Name and Title Celeste Dembowski - Office Administrator P:

Registrant Name: The OB-C Group, LLC

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Item	Description	Data
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, administrative simplification, privacy issues, transaction code sets.

*****, no specific bill, the uninsured.

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

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

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.

S.100 , Access to Affordable Health Care Act, uninsured proposal/health insurance tax credits.

S.11 , Patients First Act of 2003, medical malpractice.

S.486 , Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2003, mental health parity.

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Department of Health & Human Services

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

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues

******, no specific bill, Medicaid.

*****, no specific bill, Medigap.

H.R.1 , Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, Medigap; Medicare prescription drug l

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 Contr

S.1 , Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act of 2003, Medigap; Medicare prescription drug bene

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

Medicare Contractor reform.

S.1369 , A bill to ensure that prescription drug benefits offered to medicare eligible enrollees in the Federal

Health Benefits Program are at least equal to the actuarial value of the prescription drug benefits offered to

under the plan genera, prescription drug benefit.

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Signature Celeste Dembowski Date 2/11/2004

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18a	Lobbyist Name	Tarplin, Linda E.
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