



# THE BENEFITS BULLETIN

“Serving our members and their families”



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## Reminder: OEBB Open Enrollment Ends September 15!

As you all know, the 2008-09 Oregon Educators Benefit Board open enrollment period started August 15 and ends September 15.

Please note that some districts have set earlier deadlines for enrollment. Check any information you received from your district for your open enrollment end date.

If you have not yet enrolled in medical, dental or vision benefits, remember that time is quickly running out; there are just a few short days left to enroll.

Do you still have questions about the

benefits OEBB is offering? Let OEBB's customer service team help you. Just call 888-4MY-OEBB (888-469-6322) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or send an e-mail to [OEBB.info@state.or.us](mailto:OEBB.info@state.or.us).

And remember, enrolling is easy; just log on to the MyOEBB Enrollment System at <https://myoebb.org/oebb/!pb.main>. Click on the blue "Register Here" button near the top of the page to begin the process.

Enrolling is a quick and easy process. In most cases, it should take you less than fif-

teen minutes to create your user name and password, proof your contact information, add dependents if you need to, and select the benefits and plans you desire.

You should have received a short brochure that provides step by step instructions for enrolling. If you still need a copy, go to <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OEBB/docs/OpenEnrollment/MyOEBB-OpenEnrollmentBrochurepdf.pdf> and download a copy.

If you need assistance with the enrollment process, please feel free to contact OEBB's customer service.

### Information to Remember ...

The following links will lead you to Web pages that you may find valuable as you enroll in OEBB benefits, learn more about the Board, or use to contact one of the carriers.

#### **Dependent Eligibility Rules:**

<http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OEBB/administrativerules.shtml>

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

<https://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OEBB/FAQ.shtml>

#### **Enrolling in Benefits:**

<https://myoebb.org/oebb/!pb.main>

#### **OEBB Web site:**

<http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OEBB/index.shtml>

### Welcome Back!

The members of the OEBB Board and staff would like to welcome all the employees of Oregon's school districts, education service districts and community colleges back to work.

We look forward to working with you and providing excellent customer service to you throughout the year.

Welcome back!

We wish you all a great year!





# Transitioning From Regence Plans to OEBB Plans:

## A Few Helpful Tips to Guide You Through the Process

Regence BlueCross/BlueShield asked OEBB to pass along the following information to explain some of the things they can expect as current Regence members move to OEBB plans on October 1st. This information pertains to portability of plans, COBRA administration, and reviewing final claims information on MyRegence.com, among a few other finer points of detail regarding the transfer of benefits to OEBB.

### Portability

If you have been covered by Regence, and you are losing eligibility on September 30, 2008, you are eligible to consider a Regence portability plan. Situations that might make you eligible for a Regence portability plan would include those members who have left their school district employment, dependents who have reached the maximum dependent age, and those who are exhausting their COBRA periods on September 30, 2008. Members may contact Regence to discuss if they are eligible to consider portability. Application for portability plans will be subject to the standard terms and conditions for portability eligibility. Members who continue to be employed in a school district and who are eligible for the group plan through OEBB are not eligible for Portability plan coverage.

### COBRA

If you are losing group eligibility and wish to enroll on COBRA,

you will need to contact OEBB for additional guidance. Regence will not be administering COBRA following the change in carriers for OEBB members on or after October 1.

### MyRegence.com

Former Regence members also are urged to establish an account on MyRegence.com for ongoing access to the secure member Web site. Doing so will provide you with tools and information for claims processed up to the final date of coverage with Regence, as well as access to health information.

### Update your Records with Your Providers

Regence also recommends that you ask your health providers to update their billing records for you and your covered family members at the earliest possible date. With this change to OEBB plans and insurers, your identification numbers will change. Outdated numbers on file with your provider could cause them to send claims to Regence that should be sent to your new carrier. To avoid delays, duplicate processing and confusion, ask your provider to update their files with the new plan numbers from your new OEBB identification card as soon as you receive it.

### Certificate of Creditable Coverage

Regence will send each former member a Certificate of Creditable Coverage (COCC) as required by law. This document should be filed with your insur-



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Carrier Contacts  
Kaiser Permanente:  
866-223-2375

ODS Health Plans:  
866-923-0409

Providence Health Plans  
800-633-1878

Willamette Dental:  
800-460-7644

ance records as proof of your coverage with Regence. This form is required to prove your prior coverage to reduce or eliminate limitation periods on future health plans (if applicable), or to prove your or your dependents' ongoing health coverage when changing plans. You will receive this form after the coverage with Regence has ended.

Please call Regence at (800) 365-3155 if you have questions about the information in this article.

If you are not currently covered by Regence but are transitioning to OEBB, contact your current carrier for information about the move.