Attachment #1
December 8, 2011

Benefit Coverage Requests
2012-2013 Plan Year

1) Composite Fillings

OEBB staff has received requests from members to provide full coverage for composite dental fillings. SEOW reviewed the request and asked that further information be provided on the effectiveness of composite fillings, as well as the cost of the request.

OEBB currently covers composite dental fillings with the following limitations:

Kaiser - Composite fillings are covered for all primary teeth (children's teeth, both front and back), anterior teeth (front of the mouth), and for one surface of posterior teeth. Coverage for multiple surface composite fillings for posterior is available through a member "buy-up."

ODS – Composite fillings are covered for anterior teeth. Coverage for posterior teeth is covered up to the amalgam filling rate with members responsible for the cost difference.

Willamette Dental - Composite fillings are covered for all anterior and in some cases bicuspid teeth within the smile line. Single surface composite fillings for posterior teeth are fully covered with multiple surface fillings covered through a member "buy-up."

b) Evidence of Effectiveness

In researching effectiveness evidence of composite fillings, staff reviewed effectiveness scores provided by the Oregon Health Services Commission, tier placement in the Oregon Essential Benefit Package, and treatment effectiveness scores from OEBB dental service carriers. Effectiveness information was also provided for amalgam fillings to indicate if there are any differences in effectiveness. In ranking procedures/treatments for the Prioritized List the Health Services Commission (HSC) reviews current clinical evidence from 14 sources (AHRQ, NICE, etc.) to determine whether the procedure/treatment meets its intended purpose.

Procedure/Treatment	HSC Prioritized List	Oregon Essential Benefit Package
Composite Fillings	Covered under *Basic Restorative Care	Tier 3
Amalgam Fillings	Covered under *Basic Restorative Care	Tier 3

* Oregon Health Plan limits reimbursement for composite fillings in posterior teeth to the amalgam reimbursement rate.

a) Cost

OEBB dental service carriers provided premium impact estimates for the 2012-2013 plan year if composite fillings were covered without the current limitations.

Carrier	Estimated Premium Impact
Kaiser	+1.41%.
ODS	+2%
Willamette Dental	2.8%

2) Massage Therapy

OEBB staff have received requests from members to cover massage therapy under OEBB medical plans as part of the alternative care benefit. SEOW reviewed the request and asked that further information be provided on adding massage therapy, especially the cost.

a) Evidence of Effectiveness

In researching effectiveness evidence of massage therapy, staff reviewed effectiveness scores provided by the Oregon Health Services Commission and tier placement in the Oregon Essential Benefit Package. In ranking procedures/treatments for the Prioritized List the Health Services Commission (HSC) reviews current clinical evidence from 14 sources (AHRQ, NICE, etc.) to determine whether the procedure/treatment meets its intended purpose.

Procedure/Treatment	HSC Prioritized List	Oregon Essential Benefit Package
Massage Therapy	*Covered	*Included in all four tiers

*Massage therapy is covered for multiple conditions in the priority list, but must be in conjunction with another physical therapy treatment and referred by a provider.

b) Cost

OEBB medical plans provided premium impact estimates for covering massage therapy as part of the alternative care benefit or as a stand alone benefit.

Carrier	Estimated Premium Impact as part of the alternative care benefit	Estimated Premium Impact as Stand Alone Benefit in Medical Plans
Kaiser	Information provided at meeting.	n/a
ODS	+1.24%	+1.82%
Providence	+0.28	n/a

3) SEOW Actions Needed

- Determine what recommendation should be forwarded to the OEBB Board regarding the request that composite fillings be fully covered under OEBB dental plans.
- Determine what recommendation should be forwarded to the OEBB Board regarding the request that massage therapy be a covered benefit for OEBB members.