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To all OEBB members:

I am proud to announce that the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) has developed a unique program to support our children. February 1, 2010, was an important day for many of Oregon's students aged 6 to 12 years. Many children who, until now, might not otherwise be able to afford dental care have access to free dental care through a partnership with ODS, Willamette Dental, Kaiser and Oregon dentists. This partnership makes this new program possible, but even more important is the role that OEBB members like you play in sustaining this program. We all know that a healthy child is much better equipped to get the most out of their education – something we all work hard for each and every day. Good dental care is essential to good overall health.

The program is called The Children's Program. Every ODS Network dentist across Oregon is contributing 1.5 percent of their fees for services provided to OEBB members. (Please note: dentists that are not within the ODS Network are also contributing 1.5 percent of their fees for services provided to OEBB members, but may include that contribution when balance billing an OEBB member. It is estimated that only about 2 percent of the services received by OEBB members are provided by non-participating dentists.) All contributions will be placed in an account and used to pay for dental care for eligible children. Many of these same dentists have also agreed to provide services to the eligible children at a reduced reimbursement level from the account. Because of this, many parents will no longer have to worry about how to get their children the dental care they need. More than 650 children are already participating in the Program with more coming in every day.

Below is a link to the dentists that have already joined The Children's Program. You will note there are dentists in every county throughout Oregon. If your dentist is already on this extensive list, please take a moment to thank him or her for supporting our children. If your dentist isn't on the participating list, the next time you're there for services or your routine exam, ask him or her if they have recently joined The Children's Program or would consider being a part of this unique opportunity to help Oregon's children get the dental care they need to lead healthier and more productive lives, now and in the future.

[The Children's Program Participating Dentists as of May 2010](#)

If you would like more information about The Children's Program, visit the ODS website at:  
<http://www.odscompanies.com/about/childrens.shtml>.

Sincerely,

Brett Yancey, Chair

On behalf of the Oregon Educators Benefit Board