DIVISION 40

ENROLLMENT

111-040-0001

Effective Dates

(1) Benefit plan changes or initial elections, unless otherwise specified in a collective bargaining agreement or documented district policy in effect on June 30, 2008, are effective on the later of:

(a) The first of the month following a completed online enrollment in the OEBB benefit management system or submission of a paper enrollment or change form, or

(b)(A) The first of the month following the date of hire or the date of eligibility; with the following exception:

(B) The first of the month following approval of Evidence of Insurability for Optional Life Insurance above the guarantee issue amount, Long Term Disability, or Long Term Care insurance.

(2) Covered dependent changes are effective the first of the month following the date of the event causing the dependent to be eligible under OEBB administrative rules with the following exceptions:

(a) Coverage for a newborn child is effective on the date of birth. The active eligible employee must add the newborn child to their benefit plans within 60 calendar days from the date of birth in order for the newborn child to be eligible for benefit coverage.

(b) Coverage for a newly adopted child is effective the date of the adoption decree or date of placement for adoption. The active eligible employee must add the adopted child to their benefit plans within 60 calendar days from the date of the decree or placement in order for the newly adopted child to be eligible for benefit coverage; and

(A) The active eligible employee must submit the adoption agreement with the enrollment forms to the Educational Entity.

(B) Claims payments will not be made for expenses incurred prior to the date of decree or placement.

<u>(c) Coverage for an eligible grandchild is as follows:</u>

(A) If the legal guardianship is finalized within the first 60 days following the birth of the grandchild, coverage will be effective retroactive to the date of the birth.

(B) If the legal guardianship is finalized 61 or more days from the date of birth of the grandchild, the coverage will be effective the first of the month following the date the guardianship documents are finalized.

(C) If the legal guardianship is finalized 61 to 180 days from the date of birth of the grandchild, and the effective date of legal guardianship is retroactive to the grandchild's date of birth, coverage will be effective retroactive to the date of birth. If legal guardianship is finalized after 180 days coverage will be effective the first of the month following the date the guardianship documents are finalized.

(**d**) The first of the month following approval of Evidence of Insurability for Optional Spouse/Domestic Partner Life insurance above the guaranteed issue amount, if applicable, or Long Term Care Insurance.

(3) Elections made during an open enrollment period are effective on the first day of the new plan year. There will be a 12-month waiting period for services other than preventive dental exams and cleanings and/or routine vision exams for coverage added during the open enrollment period if enrolling in a dental or vision plan in which the employee and/or dependents were previously eligible.

111-040-0005

Termination Dates

(1) Effective October 1, 20~~10~~ **11**, **if an active eligible employee requests a termination of coverage for themselves,** ~~benefit coverage for an active eligible employee~~, a spouse, a domestic partner, or a child, **coverage** ends on the last day of the month that eligibility is lost. **Requests for coverage termination must be made consistent with a Qualifying Event, as defined by 111-040-0040. Retroactive termination of coverage may be made in the event of a delay in the Educational Entities' administrative process.** ~~with the following exceptions:~~

~~(a) If the employee's eligibility terminates due to termination of employment, death, reduction in hours, leave, or other alteration of the employee's employment, coverage will end on the last day of the month in which OEBB receives notification of the event from the Educational Entity. No retroactive terminations or adjustments are allowed.~~

~~(b) If the active eligible employee notifies the Educational Entity within 31 days after an event terminating eligibility of the employee's spouse, domestic partner, or child, coverage for the spouse, domestic partner, or child will end on the last day of the month~~

~~in which OEBB receives notification of the event from the Educational Entity. No retroactive terminations or adjustments are allowed.~~

~~(2) Effective October 1, 2010, if the active eligible employee fails to notify the employee's Educational Entity within 31 days after an event terminating eligibility of the employee's spouse, domestic partner or child, this may be considered intentional misrepresentation and OEBB may terminate coverage retroactively to the end of the month in which eligibility was lost. If benefits are to be terminated retroactively, OEBB shall give the affected individual 30 days notice of the termination and an opportunity to appeal before the retroactive termination takes effect.~~

(2) Effective October 1, 2011, benefit coverage termination that is considered by OEBB to be intentional misrepresentation may be rescinded in compliance with the law. If this occurs, OEBB shall give the affected individual 30 days notice of the rescission of benefit coverage and an opportunity to appeal before the rescission takes effect.

(3) Benefit coverage for active eligible employees ends on the last day of the month that they retire, unless otherwise determined in a collective bargaining agreement or documented district policy in effect on June 30, 2008. Benefit coverage may be continued based on the requirements and limitations in OARs 111-050-0001 through 111-050-0050.

111-040-0015

Removing an Ineligible Individual from Benefit Plans

(1) An active eligible employee is responsible for removing ineligible spouses, domestic partners and children from their OEBB-sponsored benefit plans by submitting completed, applicable forms to their Educational Entity benefits administrator within 31 calendar days after the date the individual becomes ineligible. Coverage ends on the date identified under OAR 111-040-0005.

(2) An active eligible employee ending a domestic partnership must complete and submit a Termination of Domestic Partnership form and enrollment update forms to the Educational Entity benefits administrator within 31 calendar days after the event for removal of the domestic partner and domestic partner's children from their benefit plan. Benefit coverage for the domestic partner and domestic partner's children ends on the date identified in OAR 111-040-0005.

(3) An Educational Entity is responsible for removing ineligible individuals from the OEBB benefits management system. The Educational Entity must complete such removal within 14 calendar days after:

(a) An event resulting in loss of the employee's eligibility, or

(b) The receipt of notification of an event resulting in loss of eligibility of the employee's spouse, domestic partner or child.

(4) If coverage of an employee's spouse, domestic partner or child is terminated retroactively ~~under OAR 111-040-0005(2),~~ then:

(a) The active eligible employee may be responsible for claims previously paid by the benefit plans to the providers during the period of ineligibility at the carrier's discretion; and

(b) Premium adjustments will be made retroactively based on the coverage end date. ~~as identified in OAR 111-040-0005(2), not to exceed three months of premium dollars.~~

(5) OEBB shall conduct audits to monitor compliance with OEBB administrative rules governing eligibility and enrollment.

111-040-0025

Correcting Enrollment and Processing Errors

(1) Employee Enrollment Errors. Enrollment errors occur when an active eligible employee provides incorrect information or fails to make correct selections when making benefit plan elections. The active eligible employee is responsible for identifying enrollment errors or omissions.

(a) OEBB authorizes Educational Entities to correct enrollment errors reported by the active eligible employee within 60 calendar days of the original eligibility date, open enrollment period end date, or Qualified Status Change date.

(b) Enrollment errors identified after 60 calendar days of the eligibility date, open enrollment period end date or Qualified Status Change date must be submitted to OEBB for review and approval based on OAR 111-080-0030.

(2) Benefit Administrator Processing Errors. Processing errors or omissions occur when benefit plan elections are processed incorrectly in the benefit system or when a newly-eligible active eligible employee does not receive correct enrollment information or materials within 31 calendar days of the eligibility date.

(a) OEBB authorizes Educational Entities to correct processing errors identified within 60 calendar days of the eligibility date, open enrollment period end date, or Qualified Status Change date. The Educational Entity must reconcile all premium discrepancies.

(b) Processing errors identified after 60 calendar days of the eligibility date, open enrollment period end date, or Qualified Status Change date must be submitted to OEBB for review and approval based on OAR 111-080-0030. The Educational Entity must reconcile all premium discrepancies within 30 calendar days of any adjustments made in the system.

(3) The effective date for the correction of either an employee enrollment error or benefit administrator error is:

(a) Retroactive to the original effective date as identified in OAR 111-040-000**(1).** ~~if the error was made while adding a coverage type, dependent, or 111-040-0005(2) if the error is a failure to notify after an event which terminates eligibility; or~~

~~(b) Prospective to the first of the following month as identified in OAR 111-040-0005(1)(a)(b).~~

111-040-0040

Qualified Status Changes (QSC's)

(1) Active eligible employees experiencing a change in family or work status as noted below after annual **open** enrollment, or anytime during the plan year, have 31 calendar days beginning on the date of the event to make changes. If the event is gaining a child, as defined by 111-040-0040(2)(c), or results in a loss of eligibility, the eligible employee has 60 calendar days after the event to make changes.

(2) The eligible employee can only make changes that are consistent with the event for themselves and/or dependents.

(3) The employee must report the Qualified Status Change (QSC) to the employee's Educational Entity within the specified timeframe. Failure to report a QSC that will result in removal of a spouse, domestic partner, or child within the timeframe stated in 111-040-0040(1) may be considered intentional misrepresentation, and OEBB may ~~retroactively terminate~~ **rescind** the individual's coverage back to the last day of the month in which the individual lost eligibility. Please refer to the QSC matrix for details on what changes can occur with each event.

(4) Qualified Status Changes which allow the employee to make changes to his or her coverage are:

(a) Gain spouse by marriage or domestic partner by meeting domestic partner eligibility;

(b) Loss of spouse or domestic partner by divorce, annulment, death or termination of domestic partnership,

(c) Gain a child by birth, placement for/or adoption, or Domestic Partner's children (by affidavit of domestic partnership),

(d) Active eligible employee starts new employment and gains eligibility;

(e) Change in employment status by active eligible employee which affects eligibility;

(f) Active eligible employee ends employment or other change in employment status resulting in a loss of eligibility;

(g) Spouse or domestic partner starts new employment or other change in employment status which affects eligibility;

(h) Spouse or domestic partner's employment ends or other change in employment status resulting in a loss of eligibility under their employer's plan;

(i) Event by which a child satisfies eligibility requirements under OEBB plans (for a list of requirements see 111-010-0015);

(j) Event by which a child ceases to satisfy eligibility requirements under OEBB plans (for a list of requirements see 111-010-0015),

(k) Changes in the residence of the active eligible employee, spouse, domestic partner, or child (i.e., moving out of the service area of an HMO);

(l) Reinstatement of coverage. Reinstatement can be used in the following situations:

(A) Military (USERRA):

(B) When coverage was continued under COBRA

(C) When coverage was terminated in error and there is no lapse in coverage.

(m) Significant changes in cost of the eligible employee's or early retiree's current plan and tier level that result in a negative impact of 10 percent or more to:

(A) The amount an active eligible employee or early retiree must contribute toward benefits.

(B) The amount a spouse or domestic partner must contribute toward his or her group health insurance plan cost.

(n) Different Open Enrollment/Plan Year under a spouse/domestic partner's employer plan.

(o) Related laws or court orders. For example: Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMSCO), Medicare, HIPAA, or Family Health Insurance Assistance Program (FHIAP). Changes are determined by the applicable law or court order.

(5) Changes in coverage, or contribution amounts that result in a reduced amount that an employee or eligible dependent must contribute toward benefits, do not constitute a Qualified Status Change.

(6) The following applies to the Long Term Care benefit plans only:

(a) Cancel the plan at anytime without a QSC event.

(b) Plan additions or changes require a QSC event as defined 111-040-0040(2). The addition of a plan or change in plans with a QSC is subject to a medical evidence review by the LTC carrier.