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TO: Sen. Monnes Anderson
Cc: Sandy Thiele-Cirka
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Hi Senator,

Here are a few bullets on where OHA stands on the ABA services included in SB 1523. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thanks,
Courtney

- Senate Bill 365 (2013) requires PEBB and OEBB to cover “applied behavior analysis” services as defined in the bill beginning with plans offered [January 1, 2015](#).
- Both PEBB and OEBB have worked to implement this mandate, including ensuring that any necessary changes are included in upcoming RFPs and carrier/administrator contracts.
- Contracts for medical coverage in health plans offered by PEBB have included mental health parity since 2003 – both before and since self-insuring. This coverage has been, and will continue to be, specifically included in PEBB’s member handbooks (certificates of coverage), the third party contracts between PEBB’s medical carrier(s)/administrator(s) and our members. PEBB has contracted with Providence Health Plan, a licensed health care service contractor, to administer benefits for PEBB’s self-insurance plan in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- OEBB plans are fully insured, and therefore inclusion in this bill is unnecessary.

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