Reimbursement Request for Orthotic Lift in the amount of \$80

The member is requesting reimbursement for orthotic lift without submitting it to insurance first and providing the explanation of benefits (EOB) to the board for consideration. According to the current LEOFF 1 Policies and Procedures, Section III, Procedures to receive benefits, subsection J, paragraph 5 and 8, the rules state the following language:

Paragraph 5

Medical services payable as a LEOFF benefit shall be reduced by any amount received or eligible to be received under worker's compensation, social security, including public welfare, insurance or pension plan, or other similar source. In the event any such alternative source of payment is available, it shall be incumbent upon the requesting member to apprise the Board of such source and failure to do so may result in a revocation of medical benefits and be deemed a violation of RCW 41.26.150. It shall be the policy of the Board to pay only the difference in benefits rather than pay the full amount and seek repayment from the other source, unless the affected member shows to the satisfaction of the Board that he/she has demanded payment of such benefits expeditiously, and that the Board's failure to make such advance repayment would cause unreasonable hardship to the member. [RCW 41.26.150 (2) and (3)]

Paragraph 8

All requests submitted to the Board for payment of services or equipment shall be accompanied by a completed Application for Payment of Services Requiring Board Approval and Health Care Provider's Statement of Member's Current Condition. These forms are available from the Board Secretary. (*Added November 24, 1997.*) [RCW 41.26.110 (3)]