

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JANUARY 3, 2020



Upcoming Events

1/9: Day Array Committee Meeting

1/9: DODD Transportation Rule Changes Webinar

1/9: Preferred Insurance- DOT/PUCO Training Seminar-Tallmade, OH

1/13: OPRA Policy Committee Meeting

News and Resources

"State council wants to hear from people with developmental disabilities" Click to Read...

"Letter to Editor: Disability Rights Ohio has forfeited its advocacy role by ignoring needs of the profoundly disabled" Click to Read...

"UCO Industries opens opportunities for workers with disabilities" Click to Read...

"Ohio Medicaid releases 2019 'managed care report card'" Click to Read...

"Therap Announces Successful Completion of the Alternative EVV System Demonstration in Ohio" Click to Read...

THE WEEK'S TOP STORIES

HPC Wage Increase: Earlier this week, Pete sent out a document OPRA helped to prepare in partnership with other stakeholder groups and associations regarding the rate increase for HPC that went into effect on 1/1/20. The letter is intended to explain the rate increase, timelines and the next steps. We hope this is a resource that will be helpful as you discuss the rate increase with your team and the people you serve. The document is attached to the email with this newsletter. Please contact Pete at Pmoore@oacbdd.org with any questions.

Transportation/NMT: The revised rules for Non-medical and HPC transportation have been approved and are set to take effect on Feb 1, 2020. DODD will hold a webinar (link in 'Upcoming Events') next Thursday to explain/train on the changes. OPRA will also be developing training materials for our members to supplement the material provided by DODD. Please contact Scott at smarks@opra.org with any questions.

OOD Provider Qualification: OOD has updated their policy regarding provider qualifications, specifically for those that serve people eligible for developmental disability services. Under the new policy, if a provider is accredited in both 'Individual Employment Supports' and 'Career Planning' for at least 1 year, then they are considered a qualified provider, removing the need to apply for a waiver of CARF to provide Employment First and Supported Employment Services. More info can be found on [Basecamp here](#). Please contact Scott at Smarks@opra.org with any questions.

Overtime Rule: As mentioned on the call today, the new rules regarding overtime went into effect on 1/1/20. Per DOL "The final rule updates the earnings thresholds necessary to exempt executive, administrative and professional employees from the Fair Labor Standards Act's (FLSA) minimum wage and overtime pay requirements, and allows employers to count a portion of certain bonuses/commissions towards meeting the salary level. For more info about the rule please click [here](#).

OPRA Day Array Meeting: The Day Array Committee will meet next Thursday at ARC industries at 9:30 am. Guests from DODD, OOD, Superintendent Association and OACB have confirmed they will be in attendance for the meeting. If you have any questions in advance, please let us know and we can forward them in advance to our guest speakers so they can be better prepared with answers. Please contact Scott at Smarks@opra.org with any questions.

