

OPRA MEMBER UPDATE

APRIL 2, 2020

Department of Labor Announces FFCRA Implementation Rules

Yesterday the Department of Labor released the temporary rule on the leave provisions for businesses with fewer than 500 employees under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

While we are still working our way through the emergency rules, they do confirm the guidance established in [DOL's earlier 'Q & A'](#) that a 'health care provider' includes any employee of an agency that provides services similar to a nursing home or home health service. This definition suggests that employees working for a DD service provider agency may be exempted by their employer from the 'Emergency Paid Sick Leave' (EPSL) and 'Expanded Family and Medical Leave Act' (EFMLA) provisions of the legislation.

On Tuesday, [DODD published guidance](#), confirming the definition of DD service providers as eligible for the EPSL and EFMLA Exemption 'health care provider' exemption.

To read DOL's emergency rules for FFCRA Implementation click [here](#).

Additionally, the IRS also released guidance on the necessary documentation to claim tax credit for leave provisions. That can be read [here](#).

Please continue to email us your questions about this legislation at Covidqs@opra.org. We have gotten many questions regarding these provisions, and as we dig through these new regulations will provide further guidance.

Director Davis Shares Message for DSPs

On March 30th, DODD Director Davis shared this message for the DSPs who are bravely working through the Covid-19 crisis to support people with developmental disabilities in Ohio. Click below to hear the Director's message and we have also attached a PDF transcript to this email.

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Message from DODD
Director Jeff Davis



Hello, everyone, this is Jeff



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County Boards Release Provider Liaison List

Yesterday, the Ohio Association of County Boards shared a statewide list of county board staff responsible for helping to coordinate local response efforts to Covid-19. OACB has been working with the County Boards to designate a single point of contact to assist you as you navigate this crisis. The following is a statement provided by OACB about the County Board contact:

"County boards understand the challenges providers are facing during this crisis and are working around the clock to help local providers creatively fill service gaps and get connected with available local resources. For providers' convenience, each county has designated a single point of contact for support during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Please feel free to call or email the person identified for your county on this list for assistance if you are currently struggling to provide services or will soon be unable to provide services during this crisis."

The list can be found on OPRA's website [here](#).

OPRA Day Array Committee Holds Virtual Meeting

OPRA's Day Array committee hosted its first meeting today since the onset of social distancing requirements in Ohio. We are very grateful to everyone that joined us for the meeting as we had almost 130 members participating on the call/gotomeeting.

We were joined by guests Stacy Collins of DODD, Shannon Komisarek, Beth Stephens and Susan Pugh of OOD and Court Sturts of the Ohio Superintendent Association, who all shared their respective agency plans to support people with disabilities, their families and providers in Ohio.

Following our guest speakers, OPRA provided a short presentation on some of the loan opportunities established by recent legislation, especially as they may be useful to day array providers, including the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs).

To learn more about these small business loan opportunities, visit OPRA's website [here](#) for more information. Please contact Scott at Smarks@opra.org or covidqs@opra.org with any questions.



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OOD Posts Virtual Service Resource List

Today, The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities agency shared a resource tool, intending to give job seekers with disabilities, as well vocational rehabilitation service providers a variety of platforms and methods to deliver VR services remotely. OPRA will be meeting regularly with OOD leadership to find solutions to the employment and service delivery challenges caused by Covid-19.

The "Remote Provision of Services –Best Practices and Resources" tool can be found [here](#).

DODD Updates:

With so many changes and memos coming from DODD this week, we have attempted to compile all of the week's updates here below.

[4/2: Latest DODD Guidance and Resources: Including Best Practices for Family Visitation to Residential Settings and Environmental Accessibility Adaptations \(Home Mods\)](#)

[4/1: Guidance: Initial Medication Administration Remote Training](#)

[4/1: Provider Inventory Details and List](#)

[3/31: Guidance: Families First Coronavirus Response Act \(EFMLA Exemption details\)](#)

[3/31: Latest DODD Guidance and Resources: Featuring Echoing Hills spotlight!](#)

[3/30: Covid 19 FAQs](#)

[3/27: Latest DODD Guidance and Resources: Including EI, HIPAA, and ICF Cost Reporting](#)

[3/26: DODD Guidance and Resources: Including guidance on service authorizations,](#)

PPE and Health/Safety Supplies

As you are all aware, there is a shortage of Personal Protective Equipment and other necessary supplies essential for safely providing services and preventing the spread of Covid-19. OPRA is working with partners to develop resources in an attempt to find and secure reliable equipment and other needed items.

To that end, we have an update on the hand sanitizer order with Shamrock. Per Anita's earlier email, "The order for hand sanitizer went in last week. We expect bulk delivery on 4/24, at which point we will separate the orders and get them out to you. In an effort to expedite this, we ordered 600 extra bottles of the hand sanitizer pictured below, which is just over 8.5 ounces. These are available for purchase now and will be delivered with the 4/24 shipment if we have your order prior to 4/24. If you wish to order any of these, please contact Cindy Hanscel at Shamrock at chanscel@shamrockcompanies.net"



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I am Boundless Expands TeleHealth Services



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Boundless makes it easy to take advantage of our telehealth options!

We will work with you to schedule an initial assessment to help us determine what kind of care you or your loved one will benefit from most. Next, we will connect you to your telehealth service provider(s). Not the most tech-savvy? No problem! We will be with you each step of the way to answer your questions. Many of our services can also include in-home service delivery if needed.

Our team of psychiatrists, nurses, psychologists, counselors, social workers, speech-language pathologists, board-certified behavior analysts, behavior technicians, and care coordinators are here to provide the care you need.

How Can We Help?

Our team is experienced in treating individuals with depression, anxiety, ADHD, autism, co-occurring mental health diagnoses and intellectual or developmental disabilities, and more.

About Boundless

We have nearly forty years of expertise providing person-centered care to children, adults, and families with intellectual and developmental disabilities and/or behavioral health challenges.



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Applied Behavior Analysis Services

We provide consultations to increase adaptive skills and decrease challenging behavior.

Care Coordination

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Diagnostic Assessment

Our mental health professionals specialize in evaluating for a range of mental health diagnoses

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Our team offers counseling sessions, on a frequency as determined by your needs.

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Our nurses monitor symptoms and provide care, allowing you or your loved one to live a boundless life.

Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry

Our clinicians provide evaluations along with medication management services.

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