

OPRA MEMBER UPDATE

MAY 6, 2020

DeWine and OBM Announce Budget Cuts

Earlier this morning the Office of Budget Management outlined the budget cuts announced by Governor DeWine yesterday. The cuts, totaling approximately \$775M over the next 6 weeks (FY2020) come primarily from the Departments of Education, Higher Education and Medicaid.

Medicaid: \$210 million

K12 Foundation Payment Reduction: \$300 million.

Other education budget line items: \$55 million.

Higher education: \$110 million.

All other agencies: \$100 million.

Total: \$775 million.

While we have been advised that these cuts will not affect provider reimbursement rates for the rest of this fiscal year ending June 30th, they are obviously of great concern to us and will require an 'all-hands on deck' advocacy effort going into FY2021. OPRA will be connecting with our legislative 'champions' and creating resources you can use when contacting your local representative about the need to preserve our reimbursement rates, including the enhanced HPC rates scheduled for 2021. [To read more, click here.](#)

Workgroup Meets on Day and Vocational Service Guidance

On Friday Evening Director Davis released a video to outline next steps for day and vocational services as Ohio's economy begins to reopen. He reiterated that while we are still operating under the ODH order requiring all services to be provided in groups of 10 or less, a group would be forming to develop further guidance to the field as many day and vocational service providers begin to reopen or expand services. The workgroup met Monday, with OPRA represented by Jeff Johnson (Board Member-Weaver Industries) and Pete Moore, to look at the new guidance which includes an individual process to weigh the potential risk of returning to a center-based program as well as a provider 'attestation' of adherence to ODH health and safety guidelines. The group meets again Thursday, with guidance expected to be complete by the end of the week.



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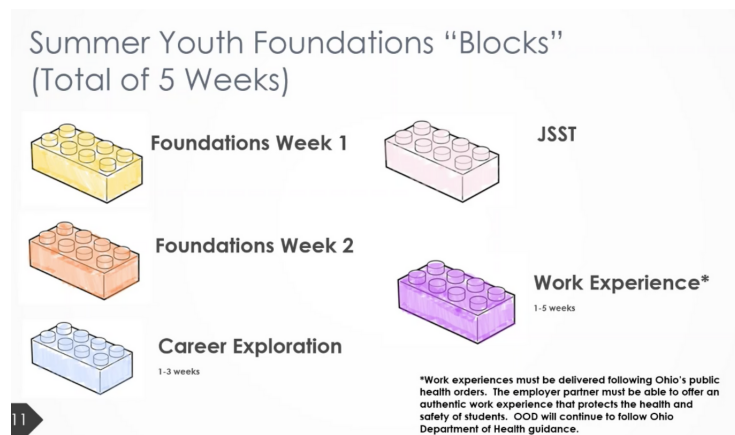
ICF Rule Clearance for Intensive Behavior Add-on

Per DODD: "The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is proposing to adopt new rule 5123-7-28 (Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities - Intensive Behavioral Support Rate Add-On). The rule sets forth requirements for an Intermediate Care Facility to receive a per diem rate add-on established pursuant to Section 5124.26 of the Revised Code for providing short-term intensive behavioral support to residents 10 through 17 years of age in a discrete unit or building of six or fewer beds. The Department disseminated the rule for clearance March 13-27, 2020. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are disseminating and posting the rule a second time. The rule and the related Business Impact Analysis form are attached for your review. These documents are posted at the [Department's website here.](#)"

You can submit feedback/comments to Anita at AAllen@opra.org by Friday, May 15.

OOD Summer Youth

On Monday, OOD provided a training on their Summer Youth Work Experience 'Foundations' Model, intended to provide flexible work and training opportunities for transition age youth. The Model uses 5 different weekly 'building blocks' including foundational curriculum to be delivered remotely and actual work experiences when and if available, safe and appropriate. [Screenshots from the training can be found here](#) and the full training slides will be made available shortly.



FAQ on PPP

Thanks to our partners at Vorys who have developed this FAQ document on the Paycheck Protection Program. The PPP is one of our most frequently asked about topics and we appreciate the guidance from Vorys [which can be found here.](#)

