

OPRA MEMBER UPDATE

JUNE 9, 2020

DODD Releases Visitation Guidance

Since Governor DeWine's announcement that ICFs would be able to begin outdoor visitation as of Monday 6/8/20 (yesterday), we've been awaiting an amended order from ODH to outline the requirements for providers to set visitation policies. Friday evening, ODH signed the 3rd Amended Order regarding Assisted Living and ICF Visitation, building upon the the recommendation in the Responsible RestartOhio document released last week. Soon after, DODD published guidance for both ICF and Waiver visitation, as well as guidance around day and residential camps. The language in the DODD documents primarily mirrors the ODH order, but contains further guidance including a "risk mitigation table" for provider considerations.

[The Responsible RestartOhio guidance on visitation can be found here.](#)

[The ODH Amended Order on Visitation can be found here.](#)

[The DODD Guidance for ICFs and Waiver Settings can be found here.](#)

PPP Flexibility Act Signed Into Law

On Friday, June 5, President Trump signed the 'PPPFA' a bill modifying aspects of the Paycheck Protection Program, relaxing several of the factors impacting how the loan is forgiven. Provisions include extended loan time-frames, a decrease in the amount of funds needed to be spent on payroll, and a safe harbor for based on employee availability. [Our partners at Vorys have provided this analysis of the bill's provisions.](#)

Civil Liability Bills

We've talked in recent weeks about two pieces of legislation working through Ohio's legislature intended to protect health care providers from lawsuits related to COVID-19. Both SB 308 and HB 606 have both passed their respective chambers and are being reviewed by committees in the opposite chamber, with HB 606 pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Our Partners at Vorys have provided an in-depth breakdown of the differences between the 2 bills and the status of both, which [can be read here.](#)

Memo Monday.

DODD has confirmed that DSP on-boarding relaxations will continue to be in place until further notice. We are advocating for many of these relaxations to stay in place, to help with hiring and training new DSPs. The memo goes on to state that relaxations regarding Medication Administration will end of 8/1/20 and we are following up with DODD for more information. [To read Memo Monday, click here.](#)



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DODD Rescinds Transportation Guidance

On Friday evening, DODD rescinded the 3/28 and 5/8 guidance regarding transportation and Non-Medical Transportation. Instead, DODD is encouraging teams to use ODH and CDC best practice documents for transportation providers and passengers. We are expecting Ohio to release Responsible RestartOhio or similar guidance regarding transportation services statewide, but for now DODD is requesting teams use the [ODH and CDC guidance found here](#) when evaluating the safety of transportation services.

OOD Publishes FAQ

Yesterday, [OOD released this interim guidance](#) answering several questions about virtual service delivery, temporary placements and in-home services. Please provide any feedback or questions you have regarding this guidance to Scott at smarks@opra.org.

Updated COVID-19 Ohio DD Statistics

Scott Phillips of DODD provided this update on how COVID-19 has impacted people served through Ohio's DD system.

"In Ohio, we have had 20 deaths reported within our service_delivery system. (Lucas County-4, Cuyahoga-1, Miami-1, Mahoning-1, Hamilton -2, Franklin -3, Wayne-1, Warren-1, Perry-1, Clark-1 and NODC -4).

328 people have had Unanticipated Hospitalization MUI's reported and have been tested for COVID-19. (Of the 328 people tested 222 were negative, 100 were positive and 6 are pending).

49% Male and 51% female.

The average age is 59.....With the oldest person 88 and the youngest person 2.

54 of the 88 counties have reported hospitalizations involving COVID-19.

Franklin County and Cuyahoga lead our MUI reports with 42 and 41 people hospitalized. These are overall reports of people being tested....not positive results. Positive results (100) have been reported in 16 counties (Belmont, Butler, Clark, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lake, Lucas, Mahoning, Miami, Ottawa, Perry, Pickaway, Portage, Summit, Warren and Wayne.)"

