

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

APRIL 2, 2021

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IT, AS LONG AS WE NEVER  
TALK ABOUT IT AND IT NEVER  
HAPPENS.



**FRIDAY MEMBER CALL:** Starting next week, we will be hosting the Friday Five Update Call through Zoom. We will have a month-long trial period and then will assess continuing to use Zoom at the end of the month. Look for a new calendar invite next week with the new call-in information!

**Appendix K Payment:** After finally getting approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on Ohio's Appendix K, DODD confirmed this week they are still on track for releasing the lump-sum payments to waiver providers between April 9th and 13th. Barring any major issues, providers enrolled in direct deposit should see money in their account on April 9th. Providers without direct deposit will have checks mailed starting April 9th.

**Provider Certification:** On Tuesday, DODD hosted a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Provider Certification rules. OPRA submitted testimony encouraging DODD to reconvene the Provider Certification Workgroup and to reconsider some of the changes included in the proposed rule. You can find our testimony and other resources explaining the changes to the rule [here](#).

**On-Site/On-Call:** We are continuing our small group meetings to look at the new OSOC tool. We anticipate having a plan submitted with all our suggestions to DODD for their review sometime in the next week or so. It is OPRA's hope the tool will be rolled out around the same time as the OISP. We hope to have additional information in the coming weeks on DODD's response to our proposals.

**L1 and Self Waiver Simplification-** DODD's Waiver Simplification and Improvement process is moving full steam ahead. Over the next week, DODD will be hosting several virtual town hall meetings for individuals with disabilities and their families about improvement and simplification of the Level 1 and SELF waivers. To register please follow the links below:

**Date: Monday, April 5, 2021**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Hosts: The Arc of Ohio &  
People First of Ohio

Register: <http://bit.ly/3rPFq72>

**Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Host: Interagency Work Group on  
Autism, OCALI & Autism Society  
of Ohio

Register: [Bit.ly/DODDWaiverTownHall](http://bit.ly/DODDWaiverTownHall)

**Date: Friday, April 9, 2021**

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Host: OSDA

Register: <http://conta.cc/3f4C4to>

**Payroll Protection Program:** President Biden signed the PPP Extension Act of 2021 this past Tuesday. The bill extends the PPP loan application deadline from March 31st to May 31st and allows the Small Business Administration to take until June 30th to process new loan applications. You can read more [here](#).



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**ICF Licensure Surveys:** The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is resuming certification and licensure reviews of ICFs. For this year only, DODD will assist ODH in the completion of some licensure reviews to alleviate the pandemic-induced backlog. If your licensure review has been assigned to DODD, you will be contacted by a DODD reviewer to coordinate the virtual review. **DODD will use an abbreviated review tool, focus on health and safety, and limit the number of reviewed records, interviews, and observations.** This **ONLY** applies to ICFs with licenses ending in 2021. DODD will be hosting a webinar for impacted providers on April 22. Information on how to sign up will be sent to impacted providers. For more information, please contact [Rachel Hayes](#).



Registration is LIVE for OPRA's 2021 Virtual Spring Conference on May 6th and 7th. We are very excited to announce we are utilizing a new conference platform through CVENT for a great participant and exhibitor experience. We hope to see you there!

[Click here to REGISTER & VIEW AGENDA](#)

From the OPRA Staff and Board of Directors, THANK YOU for renewing your OPRA Membership! We are proud of our OPRA community and we are excited to work with all of you as we lead Ohio's DD system with vision, dedication and passion. We hope to continue to be a trusted resource for you and your team! If you have questions about your renewal or how to make the most out of your OPRA membership, please contact [Sonya Summers](#).

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## Upcoming Events

4/6: OPRA Healthcare Committee

4/7: HIPA Six-Part Training Series: Part 4

4/8: OPRA Day Array Committee

Visit the [OPRA Website Calendar](#) for a full listing of upcoming training, committee meetings, and special events.

## News and Resources

[White House Factsheet on President Biden's Infrastructure Plan](#)

["Ohio seeing increased COVID-19 activity, DeWine says"](#)

["ANCOR Sends CMS Letter on Implementing COVID-19 HCBS FMAP Bump"](#)

[OPRA COVID-19 Resources](#)

