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ARPA Plan: Earlier this week, the Ohio Dept. Of Medicaid released their 2nd submission to CMS on Ohio's plan to spend the funds allocated to HCBS service in the American Rescue Plan. The spending plan, which still needs approval from CMS and lacks substantive detail, outlines the funding for the following areas;

1. Immediate Provider Workforce Relief (49%)
2. Technology Enhancement (6%)
3. Workforce Support to Sustain and Expand (24%)
4. Other Program and System Enhancements (21%)

ODM has now stated they expect direct provider payments, indicated in the plan to be 10% of FY2021 revenue, to be released by March of 2022, but given the need for CMS approval, any timelines are questionable at this point. While the plan also outlines funding for the 'elimination of 14c certificates', DODD has indicated this plan would not create that policy but provide funding for employer transformation grants, benefits counseling and transportation to help 'build capacity and reduce the impact' of potential 14c legislation. We will work to seek further clarity on some of the plan's provisions as ODM seeks approval from CMS on the plan. [To read the full plan, click here.](#)

Wage Verification: In efforts to make good on a promise to Ohio's legislature following the HPC rate increases of 2019, DODD held a meeting of the 'wage verification' group this week. This group created a system to collect wage data from 400 providers in 2020 to verify the increases were going towards DSPs and establishing a statewide average wage (\$13.83). The data was complicated by the inclusion of OSOC units by some providers when entering the data. There is ongoing discussion about how DODD will communicate the data gleaned from the 400 providers. Please contact [Pete](#) with any questions.

OSOC: As mentioned in this week's Residential Waiver Committee meeting, the on site/on call or OSOC tool is almost ready for release. The tool will be essentially 9 questions for the team to determine whether or not on site on call is appropriate for that individual. The assessment will be located in the Assessment Center and was not able to be integrated into the new ISP for technological reasons. Additionally, due to some of the tech issues, providers will only be able to print off a PDF of the assessment and will not be able to go in and change things. However, the department is ready to put this through their testing process from 11/2 – 11/12. The go live is then targeted for 11/18. [Click here to download the OSOC assessment paper tool.](#)

MSY/Intensive Behavior Support: Supporting youth with complex behavioral health needs and their families has been a priority for the DeWine administration. In collaboration with many other Ohio HHS agencies, DODD developed the Intensive Behavior Support Rate Add-on (IBSRAO) rule. This rule will enable approved ICFs to receive enhanced reimbursement through a per-diem rate add-on for providing short-term, intensive behavioral support to youth ages 10 through 17 with dual diagnosis of mental illness and intellectual disability, violent and aggressive behaviors toward self and others, and a history of significant trauma. [Find the rule, application and more info here!](#) Please contact Rachel with any questions.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: This week's roundup of DODD communications included the rule and application for the Intensive Behavioral Support add-on referenced on the last page, resources for 'well-informed wound care', Keeping Families Together grant funding, and a new MyLearning course on Integrated Employment Services. [Click here to read Memo Monday.](#)

Provider Relief Fund: Phase 4 of the PRF is open, but will close next week! There are online materials, including recorded and upcoming webinars intended to help providers navigate this process and HHS' [resource page can be found here](#). Please contact Christine with any questions.

EVV: Earlier this week, ODM held their EVV stakeholder group meeting. The big news was that ODM is not going to turn on the edits for deny claims based on EVV in January as we were expecting. This will continue to be delayed to an unknown date but ODM will let us know when. [Click here to see the Presentation from the meeting](#) and specifically see slide 11 for claims adjudication announcement. Please contact [Christine](#) with any questions.



Upcoming Events

[10/26: OPRA Annual Member Meeting](#)

[11/4-11/5: OPRA Fall Conference!!!](#)

[10/25-10/29: OISP Regional Virtual Gatherings](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio COVID cases per 100,000 residents drops below 500"](#)

["FDA OKs mixing COVID vaccines; backs Moderna, J&J boosters"](#)

["COVID-19 public health emergency extended into 2022"](#)

["Disability ambassadors successfully complete Zero-G flight"](#)



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Good Morning,

The Department provides the following weekly MUI updates based on COVID-19 related unanticipated hospitalizations and/or deaths entered into the Incident Tracking System. This data is not all inclusive. It does not include information about people who were suspected of having COVID-19 but not hospitalized, those who tested positive but were not hospitalized, people living with their families who were hospitalized when there was no provider present at time of hospitalization and COVID tested. For additional information and guidance, please visit [DODD COVID-19 Resources](#).

As of October 22, 2021:

| COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs | | | |
|--|---------|----------|-------|
| Negative | Pending | Positive | Total |
| 1,025 | 1 | 1,222 | 2,248 |

- 1,222 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were **14 additional positives** since the 10/15 report.
- There were **23 additional hospitalizations** since the 10/15 report. This is a total of 2,145 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,248 COVID-19 reportable MUIs have been filed as 103 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- 261 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were **2 additional confirmed deaths** since the 10/15 report.

Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers:

- There are 86 counties and 8 developmental centers with COVID related MUIs (CADC, CDC, GDC, TDC, MVDC, SODC, WDC and NODC).
- Franklin had the most people hospitalized and tested with 250 followed by Cuyahoga with 230.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 131 and Franklin had 129.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 60.28% of those tested and females 39.72%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 1 to 95 years. The average age was 54 years. The most common ages are 61.
- The breakdown of people tested by race is:
 - Black or African American-15% (56% positive testing rate)
 - Other Race -2% (56% positive testing rate)
 - Unknown-5% (50% positive testing rate)
 - White/Caucasian 78% (54% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (261) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.263%.
- The ages of those who died range from 4-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 61 years old.
- A total of 56 counties and 3 DCs (CDC, NODC, TDC) have reported COVID-19 deaths.
- Franklin has the most confirmed COVID deaths with 23.

COVID Related Deaths:

| County or DCs with COVID Deaths | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|------------|----|-----------|-----|
| Adams | 1 | Gallia | 3 | Morgan | 1 |
| Allen | 4 | Geauga | 1 | Morrow | 1 |
| Ashtabula | 3 | Greene | 2 | Muskingum | 1 |
| Athens | 1 | Hamilton | 14 | NODC | 4 |
| Belmont | 1 | Hardin | 1 | Ottawa | 9 |
| Butler | 6 | Henry | 1 | Perry | 4 |
| Carroll | 1 | Holmes | 1 | Pickaway | 2 |
| CDC | 2 | Jefferson | 1 | Pike | 1 |
| Champaign | 1 | Knox | 1 | Portage | 1 |
| Clark | 6 | Lake | 6 | Preble | 3 |
| Clermont | 5 | Lawrence | 1 | Richland | 6 |
| Clinton | 1 | Licking | 7 | Ross | 1 |
| Coshoccon | 4 | Lorain | 4 | Sandusky | 6 |
| Cuyahoga | 16 | Lucas | 18 | Scioto | 2 |
| Darke | 1 | Mahoning | 4 | Seneca | 1 |
| Delaware | 4 | Marion | 1 | Stark | 17 |
| Fairfield | 2 | Meigs | 1 | Summit | 11 |
| Franklin | 23 | Miami | 1 | TDC | 1 |
| Fulton | 1 | Montgomery | 11 | Trumbull | 6 |
| | | | | Total | 261 |



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PLENARY SESSION



Craig de Fassel

Escape the DSP Hamster Wheel You Can Succeed

NOVEMBER 4TH



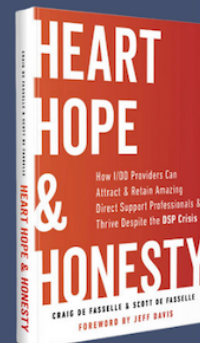
Scott de Fassel

The audience will learn:

- *How to re-inspire themselves to create a positive mindset*
- *How to find the DSPs you want without raising hourly pay*
- *The simple approach to get people to show up for interviews and the first day on the job*
- *Why they already have everything they need to keep staff.*
- *What else will the audience get?- An upbeat message to re-energize them and their teams - Clear next steps they can take themselves after the conference.*



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