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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JANUARY 21, 2022

Vaccine Mandate: Following last week's Supreme Court decision to overturn the OSHA Vaccination and Testing mandate, but uphold the CMS rule, we know providers are working tirelessly to develop the necessary policies as the new implementation dates approach. During this morning's member call, Rachel presented an outline and history of the different orders and where things stand now as far as established guidance and requirements of the mandate. We are still seeking final clarification from CMS as to whether the order extends to contracted staff providing services to ICF residents outside of the facility (contracted day services/active treatment). There has been conflicting guidance on this piece over the last month, but we expect to know a final answer by next week, when we meet with CMS representatives.

[Click here to access OPRA's web page containing the CMS rule, updated QSOs, FAQs and the OPRA presentation on the vaccine mandates.](#)

Waiver Nursing: Last week we began taking data from our waiver provider members regarding nursing and how others are utilizing their nursing, how many nurses are on payroll, and training time vs. actual time with individuals. So we do want to thank all of you who submitted answers on the survey. We are now in the process of analyzing that data to come up with our "asks" regarding the reimbursement rate for nursing. We know that nursing is underfunded. And we know we need to take a look at it and see what we can do with it. So the small action group that is taking a look at it is doing just that. We will be meeting again soon and once we come up with a plan for our asks, we will then take this to the health care and policy committees before taking the recommendations to the board. Please contact [Rachel](#) with any questions or further feedback.

ICF Survey: This week we also sent out a survey to our ICF members regarding the Development Rule. We think this is a good time to go back to the department with both reasons and suggestions as to why this rule may need to be changed. So we've sent the survey out which is due by the 24th to see where members are at with this. And similar to the waiver nursing action group, we have a small action group that will be analyzing the data we receive back from the survey to guide what our asks may be with this. And once we come up with a plan for our asks, we will then take it to Policy and the board before sending off to the department.

Self-Directed Transportation: Last week DODD held the kick-off meeting for the team working on the implementation of the 'Self-Directed Transportation' service/rule, intended to be brought up in July of 2022. This service would allow individuals to access Uber, Lyft, and other ride-sharing and additional transportation options not traditionally available through waiver services such as NMT and HPC Transportation. This service has been a major goal of self-advocates in Ohio and was one of Director Davis' priorities during his tenure. There are many details to be considered as this service heads towards final rule-making and implementation. Please contact [Scott](#) with any questions or additional feedback about this service.

OOD Quarterly: OOD held their quarterly stakeholder meeting yesterday. The presentation included information on the AWARE vendor portal rollout, the initiative to revise the fee schedule, [and these fiscal reports](#), outlining the decrease in authorization and funding for job placement services.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: This week's roundup of DODD communications included information on the continuing OISP regional support sessions, new DODD provider trainings, the LADD Innovative Technology Solutions webinar and more! [Click here to read!](#)

PRF Phase 2 Reporting: HRSA announced that the reporting period for PRF Phase 2 is now open and will be until March 31, 2022. Phase 2 includes "Providers who received one or more General and/or Targeted PRF payments exceeding \$10,000, in the aggregate, from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 must report on their use of funds in Reporting Period 2." [Click here for more information.](#)

Day & Employment Committee: Thanks to everyone who attended yesterday's Day & Employment service committees meeting. The recording and presentation from the meeting [can be found here.](#) [Click here to access the OPRA 14c Feedback survey.](#)

Marketing & Communications: We also want to thank everyone who attended our inaugural meeting of the OPRA Marketing & Communications committee. This new committee is chaired by Liz Owens of the Alpha Group and Courtney Spencer of Ability Works and Melissa Fannon is the OPRA staff liaison. Big thanks to Craig and Scot DeFaselle of Blitz Media for presenting on marketing strategies for recruitment of front-line professionals. The committee will meet next on March 15th.

DD Council Transportation Study: From DD Council release; "The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (the Council), in collaboration with the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC), has released the 2021 Transportation Accessibility for Ohioans with Disabilities Report...The goal of the 2021 study was to answer key questions about the current status of transportation accessibility for Ohioans with disabilities, identify any new transportation challenges related to COVID-19 and help inform transportation stakeholders and policy makers and determine needed steps to further improve accessibility. [Click here to read the full report.](#)



Upcoming Events

[1/26: HIPAA Winter Training Series PART III: Monitoring Privacy and Cybersecurity through a Work Plan](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio health officials express 'renewed hope' amid statewide decline in COVID hospitalizations"](#)

["CDC Director Rochelle Walensky Apologizes for Comments Hurtful to Disability Community"](#)

["CMS may now enforce its COVID-19 vaccination policy for healthcare workers in all 50 states"](#)

["How to Get free at-home COVID-19 tests"](#)



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COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs-January 21, 2022

Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
1,082	0	1,500	2,582

- 1,500 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were **33 additional positives** since the 1/13 report.
- There were **28 additional hospitalizations** since the 1/13 report. This is a total of 2,437 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,582 COVID-19 reportable MUIs have been filed as 145 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- 321 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were **8 additional confirmed deaths** since the 1/13 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 260 followed by Cuyahoga with 251.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 154 and Franklin had 137.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 59.37% of those tested and females 40.63%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 1 to 95 years. The average age was 54 years. The most common ages are 62.
- The breakdown of people tested by race is:
 - Black or African American-14% (56% positive testing rate)
 - Other Race -2% (56% positive testing rate)
 - Unknown-5% (52% positive testing rate)
 - White/Caucasian 79% (56% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (321) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.32%.
- The ages of those who died range from 4-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 60 years old.
- A total of 67 counties and 4 DCs (CDC, MVDC, NODC, TDC) have reported COVID-19 deaths.
- Franklin has the most confirmed COVID deaths with 25.

COVID Related Deaths:

County or DCs with COVID Deaths							
Adams	2	Fulton	2	Mahoning	7	Sandusky	6
Allen	5	Gallia	3	Marion	1	Scioto	2
Ashtabula	3	Geauga	1	Medina	1	Seneca	1
Athens	2	Greene	2	Meigs	1	Stark	19
Belmont	1	Hamilton	14	Miami	4	Summit	15
Brown	1	Hancock	4	Montgomery	13	TDC	1
Butler	7	Hardin	1	Morgan	1	Trumbull	9
Carroll	1	Henry	1	Morrow	2	Tuscarawas	6
CDC	2	Highland	2	Muskingum	1	Vinton	1
Champaign	1	Holmes	2	MVDC	1	Warren	6
Clark	6	Huron	1	NODC	4	Wayne	4
Clermont	5	Jefferson	2	Ottawa	10	Williams	1
Clinton	1	Knox	2	Perry	4	Wood	4
Coshocton	7	Lake	7	Pickaway	2	Wyandot	2
Cuyahoga	18	Lawrence	2	Pike	1	Grand Total	321
Darke	2	Licking	8	Portage	1		
Delaware	4	Logan	1	Preble	3		
Fairfield	4	Lorain	4	Richland	7		
Franklin	25	Lucas	20	Ross	1		

The Department provides this 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](#). Thank you.



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HIPAA

ONLINE TRAINING

January 12, 19, 26

1 pm to 2 pm

HIPAA WINTER TRAINING

THREE PART WORKSHOP

Members: \$50

Non Members: \$100

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