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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

MARCH 25, 2022

ICF Payments: DODD announced last Friday that ICF relief payments were processed on March 21, 2022. Payment will be made based on bed count as of 3/1 and for providers in “good standing.” ICF’s should see the payments approximately 7 days after processing. In our discussions with the department, there will be no new reporting guidance or mechanism. However, since this is a Medicaid payment, providers will need to keep documentation on how they spend the money in the event of an audit from the auditor of state. Providers will need to ensure that they spend the money in ways that align with the emergency rule and HB 169. [Click here to read the emergency rule authorizing the ICF payments.](#)

Wage Verification: We are on the eve of mandatory wage verification for HPC provider agencies. This process is a result of the HPC rate increases from a couple biennium budgets ago, where an assurance to the legislature was made that the budget investments would go towards a statewide average wage for DSPs. The wage verification tool and process was piloted with a group of providers last year. The survey tool will go live on April 4 and must be completed by June 30, 2022. DODD is conducting two trainings and will be hosting office hours through June.

-Tuesday, March 29, 2022 (smaller agencies-reimbursed less than approx. \$250,000):

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM OR 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

-Wednesday, March 30, 2022 (larger agencies-reimbursed more than approx. \$250,000):

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM OR 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

OSHA: OSHA is ramping up for a new permanent standard. We have been talking about this for the last couple months in the wake of the Supreme Court’s decision to strike down the Vaccination ETS and the expiration of the Healthcare ETS. This week OSHA partially reopened the rule-making record and are seeking public comment on several issues related to the possible development of a permanent standard for healthcare and healthcare support workers. OSHA has stated that they are seeking comments in a number of areas. [You can access the public comment portal by clicking here.](#)

Esther's Law: Senate Bill 58, [known as 'Esther's Law' went into effect this week in Ohio.](#) This law allows the installation of cameras by families and guardians of residents of in certain long-term care settings. There has been some heavy reporting and attention on the law and we just want to make sure that members know that it does not apply to ICFs.

Friday Call # and Member Info: As we conclude the first quarter of 2022, we have been sending reminders for anyone who has not yet renewed their OPRA membership this year. We know that being a member of OPRA is a big commitment and we take your membership very seriously. We do all we can to make your experience with us the best it can be. A sincere thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership. We are proud to have you as a part of the OPRA community. Next Friday, April 1st, we will have new zoom links for the Friday call and updating our member resources permissions. If you haven’t renewed yet, [please contact Sonya](#) and she will get you set up. If you haven’t renewed by next Friday you will not have access to the Friday calls and member protected information. If you have any questions about this process, please let Sonya know.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: [This week's roundup of DODD communications](#) featured 3 new resource pages that have been setup focusing on trauma-informed care, multi-system youth, and people with dual mental health and ID diagnoses, as well as an Employment First webinar, LifeCourse training and more

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.](#)

Capabilities Charitable Fund: CCF is awarding mini grants to individuals with disabilities, ages 14+ years, to help them achieve their community employment goals! The mini grants can be used for, but not limited to, accessing transportation, interview clothing, tools needed for work, professional services to help someone find employment, assistive technology, etc. Applications will be available January 1, 2022, online at www.19services.com

- For 2022, there will be 4 rounds of grant awardees.
- Submission deadlines:
- January 31, 2022 July 31, 2022 April 30, 2022 October 31, 2022
- Submit applications and/ or questions to Catherine Hess at ccfgrants@19servicesinc.com.



The OPRA Spring Conference will be held on May 5-6 at the Nationwide Conference Center in Columbus. Check out the welcome video from our Keynote speaker, Courtney Clark, who focuses on resilience and 'reVisionary thinking'. We can't wait to see you all at the Conference in May (in-person or virtually)!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE](#)

Upcoming Events

[3/31: OPRA HIPAA Training: Controlling Access to Private Information](#)

[3/31: DODD Provider Training-Managing Personal Funds](#)

[4/7: OPRA Day Array Meeting](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio reports 3,668 new COVID-19 cases in first full weekly release"](#)

["OhioRISE to support 19 Ohio counties"](#)

[Dispatch Opinion: Basic healthcare for people with disabilities should be the norm, not a specialty.](#)

[CDC: U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by County Map](#)



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COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
1,112	1	1,593	2,706

- 1,593 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were 5 additional positives since the 3/18 report.
- There were 5 additional hospitalizations since the 3/18 report. This is a total of 2,536 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,706 COVID-19 reportable MUIs have been filed as 170 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- 372 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 3 additional confirmed deaths since the 3/18 report.

Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers:

- There are 87 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 267 followed by Cuyahoga with 257.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 160 and Franklin had 145.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 59.27% of those tested and females 40.73%.
- 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% (60% positive testing rate)
 - Other Race -2% (56% positive testing rate)
 - Unknown-5% (52% positive testing rate)
 - White/Caucasian 79% (59% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (372) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.375%.
- 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 70 counties and 4 DCs (CDC, MVDC, NODC, TDC) have reported COVID-19 deaths.
- Franklin has the most confirmed COVID deaths with 28.

COVID Related Deaths:

County or DCs with COVID Deaths							
Adams	2	Franklin	28	Lucas	22	Richland	8
Allen	6	Fulton	2	Mahoning	8	Ross	2
Ashtabula	4	Gallia	4	Marion	1	Sandusky	7
Athens	2	Geauga	1	Medina	1	Scioto	2
Belmont	1	Greene	3	Meigs	1	Seneca	1
Brown	1	Hamilton	15	Miami	4	Stark	26
Butler	10	Hancock	5	Montgomery	15	Summit	18
Carroll	1	Hardin	1	Morgan	2	TDC	1
CDC	2	Henry	1	Morrow	2	Trumbull	10
Champaign	1	Highland	2	Muskingum	1	Tuscarawas	6
Clark	6	Holmes	2	MVDC	2	Vinton	1
Clermont	6	Huron	1	Noble	1	Washington	1
Clinton	1	Jefferson	2	NODC	4	Warren	8
Coshocton	7	Knox	3	Ottawa	10	Wayne	4
Cuyahoga	22	Lake	11	Perry	4	Williams	1
Darke	2	Lawrence	2	Pickaway	2	Wood	4
Delaware	5	Licking	8	Pike	1	Wyandot	2
Erie	1	Logan	1	Portage	3		
Fairfield	5	Lorain	6	Preble	3	Grand Total	372



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