

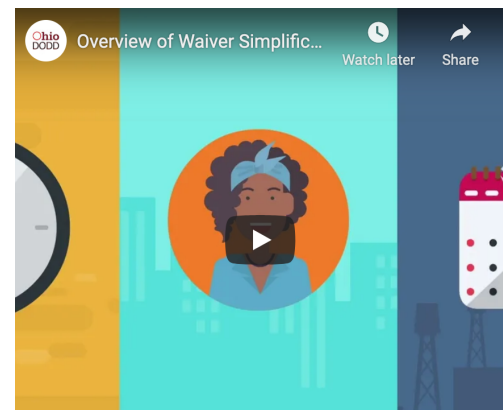
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Retention Project: This week we moved one step closer to the implementation of the 6.5% retention bonus project we've discussed over the past few weeks. Yesterday, the Ohio Department of Medicaid submitted an Appendix K amendment to CMS, outlining the request for approval for the funding project. This is not a done deal by any stretch, but we are hopeful that CMS moves quickly to approve the proposal and we're able to move forward with these retention bonus payments. DODD has reached out to a small number of providers to help test the reporting process and we will have plenty of time to inform you about that process in the near future once we get final approval. We are thankful to DODD for helping move this proposal through the administration and to the county boards for providing the funding for this initiative.

Waiver Training Videos: Yesterday DODD sent an announcement regarding training for the changes in the SELF, Level 1, and IO waivers. DODD has now released their training video and waiver comparison documents and documents describing the Self-Directed Transportation service and Participant Directed Goods and Services. These are of course going to be very helpful for individuals, families, providers and were very much a team effort from many different stakeholders, OPRA included. More training videos will be released soon and DODD is continuing to hold their live chats for those who have questions regarding the changes. [You can access DODD's training and website here.](#)



CIE Grant: We met with our partners from OOD this week, who outlined their intent to apply for RSA's recently announced [Sub-Minimum to Competitive Integrated Employment grant](#). This 5-year grant allows state to apply for up to \$13.9M to fund 'demonstration models' that support people working in or contemplating sub-minimum wage employment to work towards competitive employment. Ohio's application for this grant does not require an elimination or phase out of 14c and is not directly related to any of the initiatives related to 14c we've discussed this year. The grant will fund both a data component, as well as technical assistance and funding for providers to implement promising practice models. We will be sure to provide more information as OOD finalizes their application.

ICF Masking Guidance: This week CMS did send around some questions that they have received specifically regarding masking guidance in ICFs. They have continually pointed back to the QSO memo from 2/4/22 that states that they continue to expect healthcare staff and surveyors to comply with basic infection control practices. They have stated that they have told surveyors to focus on the regulatory requirements for each provider and whether the provider is following practices that are based on national standards such as the CDC.

Salary Survey: Friendly reminder that there is one week left to turn in OPRA's salary survey. Everyone that turns it in will receive a free copy of the results. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Christine](#).

GED/Age Waiver: As discussed on this morning's call, [click here to access the age/GED waiver.](#)



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 two recently released RFP's for DSP 'vision' and 'reimagining recruitment and retention', as well as several items regarding the OISP implementation.

OOD Forms: OOD has made further changes to their updated reporting forms, based on feedback from providers at a Q&A session back in April. Per OOD Memo: "As a result of the great questions and feedback provided during this meeting, additional improvements were made to several forms based on providers' requests. Improvements include, but are not limited to, the addition of fields to document the Provider Invoice Number, Invoice Date, Service Start Date, Service End Date, and the removal of page numbers. The newly updated forms (Forms 3 through 10 and Forms 12 through 16) will be dated 04-11-22." [Click here to download the updated Provider Forms FAQ.](#)



2022 GOLF OUTING
FRIDAY, MAY 20TH
Urbana Country Club

Outing cost: \$150 per player
Registration begins: 8:30 AM
Shotgun Start: 10:00 AM



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HIPAA
SPRING TRAINING
MAY 12, 19, 26

May 12: "Permissible Uses of Private Information"
"Impermissible use" is the single largest reason cited in privacy complaints filed with the Federal government. This session will address the full gamut of permissible uses of private information.

May 19: "Social Media Use, Marketing & HIPAA"
Are you setting the right policies and procedures to protect your organization to the extent possible?

May 26: "Privacy & Security Breaches in the Residential Sector"
This course will focus on actual breaches in the I/DD sector, why they happened, and how they might have been prevented.

UPCOMING COURSES

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Upcoming Events

[5/17: OPRA Marketing & Communications Committee](#)

[5/19: OPRA Day & Employment Services Committee](#)

[5/19: OPRA HIPAA Training: Social Media Use & Marketing](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio reports 15,970 new COVID-19 cases, 6th straight weekly increase"](#)

[Disability Scoop: "Ed Department To Update Disability Regulations"](#)

["Up to 14M people could lose Medicaid coverage when health emergency ends: study"](#)

[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
1,128	0	1,616	2,744

- **1,616 people served have tested positive** for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were **4 additional positives** since the 5/6 report.
- There were **4 additional hospitalizations** since the 5/6 report. This is a total of 2,566 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of **2,744 COVID-19 reportable MUIs** have been filed as 178 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- **382 people served have passed away** who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were **2 additional confirmed deaths** since the 5/6 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 269 followed by Cuyahoga with 261.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 164 and Franklin had 147.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 59.14% of those tested and females 40.86%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 11 months to 95 years. The average age was 54 years. The most common ages are 59.
- 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 (382) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.386%.
- The ages of those who died range from 11 months-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 30.

COVID Related Deaths:

County or DCs with COVID Deaths							
Adams	2	Franklin	30	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	3	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	8	Knox	3	Ottawa	10	Wayne	4
Cuyahoga	25	Lake	13	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	4	Grand Total	382

