

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Behavior Support Rule: This week DODD released the new [Development and Implementation of Behavioral Support Strategies](#). This rule will go into effect on October 1, 2022. You may recall that we had raised some concerns with the Department regarding the use of chemical restraints and the “blunt suppression of behavior”. We felt and still feel that this definition is overly broad. We also have concerns surrounding HRC committees, not only in makeup, but in terms of finding members of the community willing to serve as well as the education of HRC members on many of these changes. We are submitting some suggestions to the training group that is currently meeting and will continue to monitor these changes as well as the training and implementation of the rule. You can find the [list of changes here](#) as well as the [Implementation Timeline](#).

ICF Cap & Rollback: We continue to monitor the progress of the ICF cap and rollback amendment we are trying to get passed at the statehouse before the end of the year. We are monitoring two bills that are carrying the amendment, both HB 466, which is still with the House and HB 371, which has passed the house and being heard in the Senate. The Success Group has been very helpful this week with both of these bills. If the bill is passed before the end of the fiscal year we will have to wait 90 days to implement so we are working closely with DODD to ensure all processes are in place to help you navigate the change. A few of you asked how you can help and we will certainly let you know how you can help as the process moves forward.

Rapid Response: This week we met with DODD to get a preview of their Rapid Response application that will be utilized in ICF's as a way to accelerate the use of technology. This system will provide a platform for ICF's to request consultation with a technology vendor to help identify possible technology solutions to better serve individuals with I/DD. If any members would be interested in testing the application, please make sure to [Rachel](#) know.

OOD Items: Following several listening sessions and 2 additional rounds of stakeholder feedback, OOD is preparing to send [proposed changes to their fee schedule](#) to the Common Sense Initiative (CSI), a panel that reviews potential state rules for business impact. OOD did make further adjustments to the proposed fee schedule following our most recent feedback, hoping for more significant rate increases for On-the-job-supports and an expansion of the 'shift-differential' window. OOD slightly increased the rate adjustment for OTJS from a 2.37% increase to a 3.1% increase and expanded the shift differential to include 11 Federal holidays. Though we are appreciative of these changes and most of the fee schedule proposal, we are disappointed they did not go further to address the challenges facing job coaching and employment providers. We are also continuing to work with OOD as they prepare to apply for a federal grant through RSA that is intended to support more people transitioning into competitive integrated employment.

Blueprint: DODD's Rule & Waiver sub-committee will meet twice in June to continue work on the proposals developed by the Blueprint Committee. The primary focus of the sub-committee is on the 'non-work' proposal, which is intended to simplify and clarify expectations for the Adult Day Support service. [Click here to download the presentation from the meeting](#). DODD has an ambitious timeline, so we continue to seek member feedback, which can be sent directly to [Scott](#).



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: [Last week's roundup of DODD communications](#) included info on a change in the automated registry checks system also known as ARCS. If you use that system, please take some time to [read through that notice](#) and update processes accordingly.

Salary Survey: A reminder that we extended the Salary Survey date to the end of the month, which is Tuesday. We want to thank everyone who has already responded. As a reminder, when we originally sent out the survey, the survey included an email that is no longer working. We sent out a new email to submit. If you submitted your survey before this week and have not received a confirmation email from John, you likely submitted the survey to the wrong email. Apologies for the confusion and I am so appreciate everyone's time and effort in preparing the data! Thank you from us and the HR committee! If you have any questions, please let [Christine](#) know.



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Free OSHA Trainings: We've had multiple conversations in recent weeks regarding OSHA and what we may see in the coming weeks and months regarding vaccine, testing, and infection control in general. We were approached by "The OSHA Lady" Karen Daw regarding a training opportunity. They have received approval for federal grant money to offer OSHA training for free to the healthcare sector. This training is offered over several sessions. There is no cost to this training and it will fulfill the annual requirements for OSHA training and infection control. [Learn more and register for the trainings here.](#)

Upcoming Events

[6/2: OPRA Day Array Committee](#)

[6/8: OPRA Workshop with Intellinetics:
Taming the Document Monster](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio gets nearly 20,000 new COVID-19 cases again, but spike trend changes"](#)

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