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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JUNE 3, 2022

ICF Cap & Rollback: After a long day at the Statehouse on Wednesday, we're pleased to announce the passage of Senate Bill 239, including the ICF amendment that would eliminate the cap and roll back from the previous budget's language. Starting early this year, we partnered with OHCA to draft an amendment to eliminate the language and have been looking for a legislative vehicle for it, which we found in the final hour. This change will allow the ICF funding formula to run and also provide \$10 million from DODD to make it happen. We want to especially thank our partners from the Success Group, as well as Jeremiah Wagner at DODD for helping to navigate and clarify the language for legislators. We also want to thank Tim Neville from Echoing Hills for his key advocacy that paved the way for the amendment's inclusion in the bill. Advocacy is a team effort and we are grateful to everyone who was a part of getting this legislation passed, as it now makes it way to Governor DeWine for signature. We will keep you posted as we have to wait 90 days from the passage of the bill to implement this change and there will be some work to be done to help all of you who operate ICFs to ensure its proper implementation. Please contact [Pete](#) with any questions.

Behavior Support Rule: [The Development and Implementation of Behavioral Support Strategies](#) rule will go into effect on October 1, 2022. You can find the [list of changes](#) here as well as the [Implementation Timeline](#). From June 1st through Sept 30th, DODD will be offering training on the rule – either in-person, virtual, or online. During this timeframe, the department has stated will be no citations issued unless there is a violation of the rule as it currently exists. After Sept. 1st, there will be citations issued when there is substantial non-compliance with the rule. Providers should ensure their policies and procedures are updated to reflect the changes regarding the rule and HRC. Additionally, county boards and ICF's should start identifying and revising existing plans if they are not in compliance with the updated rule. This needs to be completed by June 30, 2023. Please contact [Rachel](#) with any questions or additional feedback.

Safety Resources: In light of the recent events in Texas and other parts of the county regarding mass shootings, OPRA encourages members to revisit any safety, security, and emergency response preparedness plans. While many of you have had to revamp your emergency preparedness plans for COVID, we encourage you to review your plans regarding a potential active shooter. OPRA is currently working on a list of resources as many of you have asked about this in recent days. [In the meantime, you can visit the FBI's webpage on active shooter resources.](#)

Waiver Changes: Just a reminder that we are coming up on July 1st, which is when the [changes for waiver simplification occur](#). Many of you may have seen the release from the department regarding training for the changes in the SELF, Level 1, and IO waivers. Just a reminder that DODD is hosting live chats throughout June and July to address any questions that folks may have.

OOD Fee Schedule: This week OOD sent [proposed changes to their fee schedule](#) to the Common Sense Initiative (CSI), a panel that reviews potential state rules for business impact. Although OOD did make further adjustments to the proposed fee schedule following our most recent feedback, we were still hoping for more significant rate increases for On-the-job-supports and an expansion of the 'shift-differential' window. We will continue to advocate for these items, especially as OOD looks to secure additional funding for needed employment services in next year's state budget.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday/Pipeline: Click here to download [DODD's Memo Monday](#), published on Memorial Day and Click here for the [Pipeline](#), published Wednesday.

Provider Relief Fund: If you applied for funds from the federal government's Provider Relief Fund during Phase 4, were approved, and have not received payment yet, there may be an extra step you need to take before those payments can be made. To have the funds deposited, you needed to set up an additional account outside of the application portal. I think this likely applies to providers who did not apply to previous phases. [We posted a notice we received from HRSA about the steps you can take to make sure you are able to claim your funds.](#)

EVV Newsletter: The Ohio Department of Medicaid published their May newsletter, including a recap of last month's webinar. [Click here to read.](#)



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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

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

[6/13: OPRA Workshop with 19 Services: Waiver Delegated Nursing Billing Training](#)

[6/15: OPRA Workshop with OnSeen: Using Technology to Responsibly and Efficiently Manage Consumer Financial Accounts](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio's new COVID-19 cases leveling off, but some counties marked for 'high spread'"](#)

["What the end of America's public health emergency could mean"](#)

[DODD: "New Taskforce to Focus on Direct Care Shortages"](#)

[CDC: 'Know Your COVID-19 Community Level' Map](#)

