

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JULY 22, 2022

**Retention Program:** Following last week's CMS approval of the Appendix K application allowing for the 6.5% retention payment program, [DODD has filed this rule](#) that will allow for the program to go into effect. We have heard feedback from members regarding some of the rule language, questions about the staff eligibility and who is included in the bonuses, as well as feedback around how the payments are calculated. We are reviewing all member feedback and will be prepared to make comments on the rule when they are due next week. There are still many questions as this program rolls out, and DODD will be providing training, FAQs, and other resources to ready the field. We at OPRA will also hold member trainings and town hall sessions as we get closer to the program's actual implementation. Please contact [Scott](#) with any questions, or please send any additional rule feedback to [Christine](#).

**CMS Quality Measures:** Late yesterday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a set of quality measures for HCBS waiver programs. Development of these measures has been ongoing for several years and has been the result of a number of federal stakeholder processes. We are beginning to review the measures, so we will have more information to share with members soon. We will have to have conversations with DODD and ODM to figure out how we could see these measure integrate into service delivery. We likely won't see anything in the immediate future, but it is something we need to continue to be aware of, especially as we look at the future of our services and any changes that could come about as a result of service and rate redesign. [You can read about the measures here.](#)

**Federal Advocacy:** Our partners at ANCOR are making another big advocacy push for the proposed \$150B investment in HCBS waivers through the social infrastructure bill that was previously Build Back Better using their [advocacy amplifier tool](#). Please send the amplifier to your networks and encourage as many people as possible to use the tool. Especially if you live in West Virginia- we really strongly encourage you to reach out to Senator Manchin's office through the amplifier tool.

**EVV:** A ODM hosted a webinar this week on best practices for DODD providers using the Sandata system. You will be able to find the recording by downloading the attachment for the past webinar recordings and slides document found on [this webpage](#).

**Rapid Response:** The Ohio Dept. of Aging is making changes to the Regional Rapid Response Assistance Program (REAP) for ICFs. ICFs will no longer have to complete the pre-submission considerations before having access to an on-site crisis team. While providers are still encouraged to explore other resources first, it won't be required before connecting to the crisis team.

**August Elections:** As we have spent a lot of time talking about redistricting, we also want to start reminding people about voting in the primary in August for Ohio's General Assembly. Those results could influence our budget prospects. [People can find their 2022 General Assembly Districts here.](#) People can find their candidates on their local county board of elections website. This primary election will determine who is running in the general election in November. That will have a direct impact on who will be working on the budget next year so we encourage you to do some research on your local election.



# 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](#), containing important information on the new Incident Tracking Monitoring System (ITMS) and much more.

**Provider Relief Fund:** "Providers who received one or more Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments exceeding \$10,000, in the aggregate, from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 must report on their use of funds during Reporting Period 3 (RP3). The PRF Reporting Portal for RP3 is now open and will remain open through September 30, 2022.

**Call for Speakers:** OPRA is proud to announce the call for speaker proposals is officially open for the 2022 OPRA Fall Conference. The conference will be in person and hosted at Nationwide Conference Center on October 27th & 28th, 2022. [Click here to submit a proposal.](#)



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## Upcoming Events

[8/4: OPRA Day Array Committee](#)

[8/10: Dinner Program: Nursing Delegation in the DD Setting w/ Tarrytown Pharmacy \(Cleveland Session\)](#)

[8/23: Dinner Program: Nursing Delegation in the DD Setting w/ Tarrytown Pharmacy \(Cincinnati Session\)](#)

## News and Resources

["Covid-19 public health emergency extended in the US"](#)

["Ohio's new COVID-19 cases break 50,000 in 2 weeks"](#)

[Department of Labor Offers Second Section 511/FLSA Section 14\(c\) on July 27th](#)

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



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