

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JULY 29, 2022

Retention Program: Following last week's CMS approval of the Appendix K application approving the 6.5% retention payment program, [DOD filed this rule](#). OPRA submitted official comments this week which you can read [here](#). There are still many questions about program rollout, and DODD will be providing training, FAQs, and other resources to ready the field. We at OPRA will hold member trainings and town hall sessions as we get closer to the program's actual implementation.

Federal Legislation: The US Senate finally released the budget reconciliation bill previously referred to Build Back Better and Better Care, Better Jobs Act. The new bill, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, unfortunately, does not include the \$150B for home and community-based waiver services discussed in previous negotiations. You can read what is included in the bill [here](#).

OPRA's Salary Survey: Our salary survey vendor sent us a draft report this week. There are some minor revisions that need to be made before distributing the survey. We hope to have the survey distributed to those of you who completed the survey in the very near future. We will be going over some of the high-level results at our August 9th HR Committee Meeting. Please contact [Christine](#) with any questions!

August Primaries: The primary elections for the General Assembly are this upcoming Tuesday, August 2nd. [You can find their 2022 General Assembly Districts here](#). You can find the candidates running by visiting your local county board of elections website. This primary election will determine who is running in the general election in November, which will directly impact who will be working on the budget next year. We encourage you to research your local races and participate on Tuesday.

ICF Rates: Rates for ICF's were released this week and are uploaded in the Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS). Our partners at Brady Ware are analyzing the rates and preparing a summary on how the rates changed on a statewide level. View the rates [here](#).

IProvider Network Management Module: DODD shared [this update](#) on ODM's transition to the new Provider Network Management module and the resulting blackout dates of Provider Services Management. Please make sure you have any pending edits submitted before the listed blackout dates.

Free Nursing CEs: Our associate member Tarrytown Expocare is hosting two free educational dinner programs on nursing delegation in August. One will be held on August 10th in Cleveland, one will be held in Cincinnati on August 23rd. Learn more [here](#).



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 Tech Summit, ICF rates, 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. Learn more [here](#) or reach out to [Christine](#).

Call for Speakers: There is **one week left** to submit a speaker proposal for the 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.](#)

Governor's Meeting: Last week the budget coalition met with Governor DeWine, his Chief of Staff Michael Hall, and Director of Legislative Affairs Aaron Crooks. The coalition shared the current state of affairs in our system and highlighted some of the issues facing all of the system's stakeholders. Thank you to Becky Sharp and Adam Guinther for doing a fantastic job of laying out the issues they are facing in such an open and honest way!



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"

CDC: 'Know Your COVID-19 Community Level' Map

COVID-19: There were 14 additional reported positive tests, 15 additional hospitalizations, and no reported deaths since last week's COVID-19 MUI Report. Please stay safe!



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