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<u>Blueprint:</u> The Rule & Waiver sub-committee of the Blueprint workgroup has been meeting for the last few months, working with the Milliman group, DODD's contracted rate-setters, on new service definitions and rate/reimbursement models, specifically for adult day 'non-work' services. As components of the rate model are being developed, we will be seeking feedback from members to ensure the models accurately capture costs and adequately compensate for the level of services provided. The recording of yesterday's Day Array committee, as well as the Blueprint powerpoint shared can be found here. Please review the presentation, particularly the last slide, and provide feedback on the level of PTO your agency provides, especially in comparison to DODD/Milliman's projections. If possible, please email <u>Scott</u> your feedback by Friday August 12th.

PNM & ITMS: Back in May of this year it was announced that ODM would be putting out the Provider Network Module (PNM) which now will directly interface with the DODD's Provider Services Management (PSM) network. DODD will stop taking applications at a certain date in order to complete this process. August 5th, initial applications for independent providers and renewals for all providers, including add-ons and demographic changes, are due. On August 24th, the voluntary withdrawal and self-service applications are due. For any drafts that are beyond those dates, the provider or applicant will need to re-start the application process in PNM once it is live in October. The dept. also announced this week that the Ohio Incident Tracking and Monitoring System (ITMS) launch has been delayed. This system was expected to launch on August 3rd but there have been technical issues that have come up and IT needs a little more time. As soon as we hear a go-live date we will let you know.

<u>ADVANCE Leadership Conference:</u> The ADVANCE Think Tank will be hosting a System Partnership Summit September 28-30th at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. "We are at an inflection point in our I/DD system, and the ADVANCE Think Tank asks, "Are you and your team eager to partner with other teams to promote action?" The 2022 ADVANCE Partnership Summit is designed to help unify provider and County Board leadership teams in an effort to stimulate "positive disruption" throughout the field and within individual organizations. <u>Click here to register for the Partnership Summit.</u>

<u>Statewide Workforce Committee:</u> Last week, OPRA was invited to provide testimony to the statewide workforce workgroup led by Ohio JFS. This workgroup is comprised of the state's executive agencies that oversee human services, employment supports and education. We were invited to provide testimony and additional feedback around how Ohio could better leverage technology to address the workforce crisis. While the testimony primarily focused on technology, we were also able to use the opportunity advocate for better reimbursement rates for providers and resources for DSPs.

Click here to read the OPRA's written comments and testimony.

<u>OPRA's Salary Survey:</u> Christine sent a notice yesterday to everyone who completed the survey, including directions for the leader of the organization, or our main contact for the agency, on how to access the survey. The survey is also available for purchase if you did not participate in the survey but would still like the data. <u>You can order that through the OPRA website</u>, it is \$75 for Members- If you have any questions about the survey or are struggling to access the survey, please email <u>Christine</u>.





In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

<u>Memo Monday/Pipeline:</u> Click here to download <u>DODD's Memo Monday</u>, containing information on upcoming regional DSP summits, OISP trainings, Outcome Tracking System and more!

STABLE Accounts: Recently there has been some transition within the STABLE account program. Many of you have individuals who utilize stable accounts. These accounts are specialized savings and investment accounts which allows individuals to save money without losing Medicaid and SSI. Our contact within that office is no longer in that department. We have reached out to the STABLE account folks for a new contact person that we can refer to you. In the meantime, any questions about STABLE accounts can be sent to the main website at www.stableaccount.com

<u>Provider Relief Fund:</u> "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 <u>here</u> or reach out to <u>Christine</u>.

<u>Call for Speakers:</u> Today is the <u>LAST DAY</u> 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. <u>Click here to submit a proposal.</u>

OACB CEO: Following the retirement of Bridget Gargan earlier this year, this week OACB announced that Adam Herman has been selected to be the agency's CEO. Adam has been serving as the interim CEO for the past several months, after acting as the Chief Operating Officer for the past few years. We congratulate Adam on his appointment as CEO and look forward to continuing to partner with OACB and our other budget coalition partners through next year's Biennium Budget and beyond.



Upcoming Events

8/9: OPRA HR Committee Meeting

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)

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"2022 Ohio Primary Results: State Legislature
Races"

"HHS declares monkeypox a Public Health

<u>Emergency"</u>

"Ohio's COVID-19 cases take a dip after 3week streak"

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



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