

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

AUGUST 26, 2022

Leasing/Sub-leasing Memo: This week's [Memo Monday](#) contained a memo regarding the Ohio's prohibition on providers owning or leasing settings where they are also providing 'supported living' services. We have received many questions from members and are working with DODD to provide clarity on the intent of the memo and how [this section of Ohio Revised Code](#) applies to HCBS services, and more specifically, licensed settings. Though this prohibition has been in Ohio's revised code for many, many years, we are seeking further guidance and clarification on how this code and subsequent guidance relates to the Federal HCBS settings rule and Ohio's 'Suitability of Settings' rule. Please feel free to send any questions or feedback on this topic to the OPRA team as we continue to work on clarifying guidance from DODD.

Blueprint: We had the opportunity to meet with DODD and their rate setting team from Milliman Consulting to review the reimbursement rate development they have been working on for Adult Day 'non-work' services. The intent of the meeting was to provide clarity and mutual understanding of their approach to rate setting and share our perspective on the challenges we see with their service assumptions and methodology. The meeting was positive and helped put us 'on the same page', as far as rate methodology, but we continue to stress the need for and advocate for initiatives that build capacity in needed service areas under the day array of services.

Student Loan Order: This week we saw [President Biden announce a plan](#) for giving certain amounts of student loan debt for borrowers under a certain threshold if you have seen this this isn't news but did just you know I want to highlight a few things about it. The news-grabbing items have been the forgiveness and the payment cap, but it's actually a more comprehensive package of Department of Education rule proposals and redesigning of programs, including extending changes to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

[Find information on all of the proposals here](#)

[Sign up to get updates on the loan forgiveness process](#)

[Information on Public Service Loan Forgiveness program temporary changes in place until October](#)

OISP Feedback: As we get closer to the 'go live' for the OISP, we would just like some feedback from you – particularly ICFs. What do you think, what are your Q's struggling with, what would you like to see? Feel free to email [Rachel](#) your comments and concerns as we want to really get a feel for where providers are currently at with the OISP.

Transportation Meetings: We met recently with the Regional Autism Advisory Council (RAAC) of SouthWest Ohio's Policy to Practice group, who focus on promising practices supporting people with the most significant communication, sensory and behavioral needs. Our hope is to partner with the group to share promising local practices and resources for providing transportation to people with those challenges and making recommendations to the state on funding and policy initiatives to address this service need. [Please reach out to Scott](#) if you would like to be a part of these discussions going forward. We also want to thank our county board partners who have provided resources, grants and support for transportation providers and services during this especially challenging time.



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 the 'prohibition against leasing/sub-leasing' memo referenced earlier, as well as upcoming Behavior Support workshops and updated dates for Ohio ITMS and PNM and much more!

OOD Updates- After the last year of development, OOD's revised fee schedule is on track for implementation on October 1st, 2022, pending approval of JCARR. Per OOD announcement "Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is pleased to announce that the [VR Fee Schedule Update 2022](#) training is now available [online here](#). This on-demand training can be watched at your convenience and features an index to return to key topics as needed. OOD appreciates the partnership and collaboration with providers and stakeholders as it has proposed the VR Fee Schedule update. The rule containing the VR Fee Schedule update is currently with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) and any proposed updates are pending their final approval. OOD is targeting an October 1 implementation date and will communicate to providers if there are any changes to this date and when we receive final JCARR approval." OOD will also be holding a Q&A session on September 7th at 10 am, [which can be accessed using this link](#). Providers can submit questions [using this form](#) by COB September 5th. Additionally, earlier this week, Governor DeWine announced a \$2M expansion of the Ohio College2Careers program, which will provide up to \$1,000 in educational expenses for post-secondary students participating in OOD services. [Click here to learn 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](#).

GED/Age Waiver Survey: Following last month's extension of the GED/Age waiver for direct support professionals, [DODD developed this survey](#) in order to assess the statewide usage of the waiver and consider its permanency past the next year. If you'd like to see this hiring ability continue, it is important that providers complete the survey so DODD has the necessary data to make that decision.

Upcoming Events

[9/1: OPRA Day & Employment Services Committees Meeting](#)

[9/7: OPRA District 3 Meeting](#)

News and Resources

["Reported COVID-19 cases in Ohio drop below 24,000 for past week"](#)

["Governor DeWine Announces \\$2 Million Additional Support for College Students with Disabilities"](#)

[Landing page for Ohio Means Jobs Direct Care Worker PSA campaign](#)

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



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October 26th OPRA PAC Top Golf Event

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So what is Top Golf?

In short, a sports entertainment complex that features an inclusive, high-tech golf game that everyone can enjoy. Paired with outstanding food and beverage, climate-controlled hitting bays and music.

No previous experience required!



Where?

Top Golf Polaris

2000 Ikea Way
Columbus, OH 43240

When?

Wednesday, October 26, 2023
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

REGISTER

Register to golf, sponsor, or socialize!

No previous experience required.
Golf clubs and lunch buffet included.

Cost

Play \$60
Social Bay Attendee \$30

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Click "Register" for details.

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