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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

CMS QSO: On September 23, 2022, the CDC came out with their latest set of recommendations. This new guidance specifically outlines recommendations for Assisted Living, Group Homes, and other Residential Care Settings (excluding nursing homes). [The latest CDC Guidance can be found here.](#) CMS then released their [REVISED QSO 21-8-NLTC](#). In this latest revision, CMS states that at this time they are NOT issuing updated guidance on visitation and that facilities should continue to utilize prevention and control methods that are consistent with national standards such as the CDC. The CDC guidance directly references the types of services being provided and discusses those facilities who also provide non-skilled personal care. However, the revised QSO is specific to the setting type. At this time we are awaiting further guidance on this issue from CMS. As soon as we receive further clarification, we will make sure to let members know.

OOD Updates: After months of development and administrative processing, [the new OOD fee schedule](#) has been approved by JCARR and will be in effect tomorrow, October 1st. Please reach out to [Scott](#) if you have any questions about the new fee schedule. Additionally, OOD held a provider workgroup meeting to outline the issues and challenges in providing Summer Youth Work Experience and begin to collaboratively develop solutions for next summer. Providers were able to share the many challenges from this past summer, and the next meeting will be focused on proposals and solutions for next summer's program. Finally, OOD will be holding a preliminary meeting in early October to discuss the capacity challenges they have been seeing statewide for the Supported Employment-Job Development service, as well as many other key OOD services. This discussion may be an opportunity to reform the CESP requirement, which has been a challenge for providers for many years, but only exacerbated by the current workforce challenges.

Legislative Events: This week saw several opportunities for the OPRA team and members to engage with legislators, including many members of Ohio's Senate. The OPRA team attended events for Senators Dolan and Romanchuk, two key partners and champions, as well as a Success Group event for Senate President Matt Huffman. The Huffman event also led to discussions with Senator Lang, Senator Hackett, and Senator Reineke. The week also included a meeting with Senator Romanchuk's office. We want to thank all of the OPRA members who participated in these events and meetings and continued to share stories and struggles of providing services over the past few years.

Retention Project: As we have mentioned on the last few member calls, the 6.5% Retention Program will require some additional processes before it can be implemented. We are hopeful that the program will be submitted to and approved by Ohio's controlling board, which will be the fastest way to get the program implemented. We will be sure to keep members updated as the process moves forward.

Partnership Summit: The OPRA team had the opportunity join leaders and professionals from Ohio's DD system at the ADVANCE Think Tank Partnership Summit. We want to thank our friends in the ThinkTank for organizing this great event, which was facilitated by Jason Barger, and focused on enhancing collaborative solutions between system partners.



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 OhioRISE office hours, info on the Assistive Tech Lending Library, OSSAS provider trainings as well as the grants and trainings mentioned on the morning call.

Provider Relief Fund: Don't forget- We are in the FINAL month for reporting on Phase 3 money received from the federal Provider Relief Fund distributed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration. Reporting closes at the end of this month and failure to report will lead to the need to payback you PRF money. If you have any questions, you can learn more [here](#) or reach out to [Christine](#).



OPRA Fall Conference: Registration is officially open for our Fall Conference. We are excited to see everyone at the Nationwide Conference Center on October 27th and 28th. Preceding the conference on October 16th will be an [OPRA PAC Fundraiser](#) at Top Golf. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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Upcoming Events

[10/5: OPRA Workshop-ISP/Billing Process by 19Services](#)

[10/5: OPRA Workshop-Taming the Document Monster by Intellinetics](#)

[10/6: OPRA Day Array Committee](#)

[10/6: OPRA Workshop: HIPAA: Risk Assessment: Set Up For Success](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio COVID-19 cases drop for 4th week in a row"](#)

["Biden Celebrates Americans with Disabilities Act"](#)

[October Begins National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2022](#)

["Local nonprofit celebrates 70 years of helping adults with disabilities"](#)



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