

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

OCTOBER 21, 2022

ICF QSOs and Guidance: We would like to try to clarify some of the CMS and CDC guidance that has come out in recent weeks. The guidance that came out has been extremely confusing and to that end, [OPRA has developed these slides that hopefully will provide more clarity](#). Essentially, ICF providers will need to determine whether your facility is a 'healthcare setting' and develop its policies according to which category you would fall into. And some of you that operate multiple facilities may find that you fall into a healthcare setting at one facility based on the services you provide there (skilled care) and another facility may fall into the non-healthcare setting. We at OPRA will of course support the decision that you make and assist with providing as much information as possible and continue to provide updates on this as we go down this road. Contact [Rachel](#) with any questions.

Member Meeting: Over the past few years there has been an intentional effort to review our code of regulations to make the necessary changes to reflect best practice and the evolving needs of our membership. Leading the way to suggest and formulate the changes has been the Board of Directors and Governance Committee. Recommendations were made to our Board of Directors to go from 8 districts to 7 and to change our elections to have one seat from each of our districts up for election every year. We would like to thank our Board for their thoughtful approval of these recommendations. At the Annual meeting, the members in attendance unanimously approved the changes to the code. If you are a member in district 8 which is not geographic in nature but consists of providers who operate in multiple counties. With the elimination of District 8 you will now join one of our 7 geographic districts. The geographic location you choose can be determined by the home office of the organization's CEO/Lead employee. If you have questions about this or you would like to choose a different district, please contact [Sonya](#) to make the request and we will do our best to make it work.

OOD CESP Requirement: Last week we mentioned our discussions with OOD around service delays and capacity struggles, most specifically with the Supported Employment-Job Development service. After some discussion, OOD has agreed to try a 'CESP Program' model, where a CESP-certified professional could supervise or mentor other staff who do not yet have the certification to provide this important service. [Earlier this week OOD shared this draft proposal](#) for the trial project. We will be hosting guests from OOD at the next Day & Employment Services committees and will be meeting with them prior to finalize this proposal, so please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions or feedback on the proposal. Additionally, OOD announced yesterday that due to the transition to the new fee schedule and an influx of billing, they are currently taking up to 14 days to turn around billings.

Election!: Pretty sure you are all aware, but we do have an election coming up! We at OPRA really encourage you to participate in the election and be an informed voter! You find information more information with the below links. We also encourage you to share these resources with your staff and the people you support who are registered to vote.

[Find your Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and US House districts here.](#)

[Find out where you are registered to vote here.](#)

[Find out your polling location here.](#)

[Resources for voters with disabilities here.](#)



In Case You Missed It...

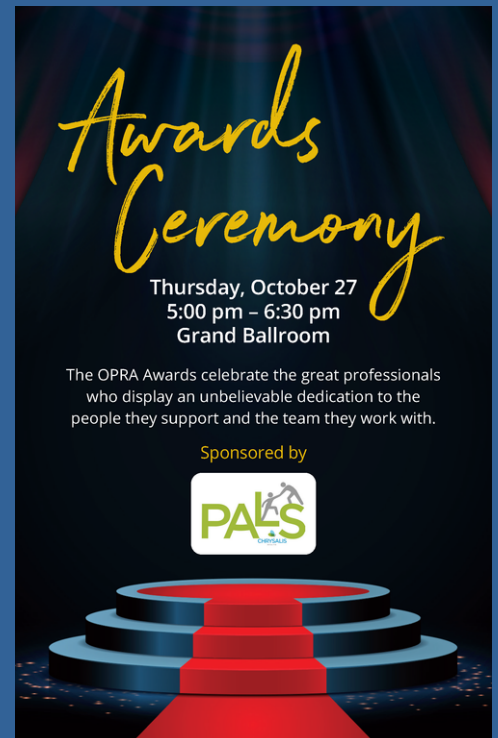
Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday/Pipeline: Click here to download [DODD's Memo Monday](#), containing information on the 'Building Technology Capacity for Residential Providers RFP', behavior support workshops and resources, and several upcoming DODD webinars.

Risk Toolkit: OPRA is pleased to have partnered with APSI and OACB to develop a toolkit to look at supervision and risk. This toolkit will provide teams with information on balancing risks and supports to maximize an individual's quality of life. This week OPRA participated in the APSI Institute Day in which we presented information on Identifying Risks and Matching Supports. We will also be featuring this presentation at our conference next week. Contact [Rachel](#) for more information.



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Upcoming Events

[10/27-10/28: OPRA Fall Conference](#)

[11/3: OPRA Day & Employment Service Committees Meeting](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio's COVID-19 cases bounce back after hitting milestone"](#)

["Advancing Health Equity For People With Intellectual And Developmental Disabilities"](#)

["Urbana Op-Ed: October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month"](#)

["A voter guide for Ohio's Nov. 8, 2022 midterm election"](#)



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