

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

DECEMBER 2, 2022

PNM: Back in late October during the changeover to PNM, the Ohio Department of Medicaid had several issues with connectivity in which providers were not able to bill. ODM then sent out Advanced Payments to providers who billed through the portal using direct data entry for the week of October 1-7. Those advanced payments were sent out on Oct. 14th. Recoupment on those advanced payments will take place on the December 22nd payment. ODM has stated that this recoupment would go against all billed claims from 12/10-12/16. Below is an overview of the method:

- Providers that received an advance payment on October 14, 2022, will see the recoupment on the December 22, 2022, payment. Remittance advices will properly notate the advance payment recoupment, so it is distinguished from the standard claims payment. The recoupment will continue to offset in future payment cycles until it is recovered in full.
- Payments will be made to providers via EFTs or mailed paper checks, consistent with the provider's normal payment method. If a provider's recoupment exceeds or equals the claims payments set to be issued on December 22, 2022, a payment will not be received.

CMS Guidance: Recently, the CDC released [updated guidance on Community Congregate Living Settings](#). Per the CDC, facilities that serve unrelated people who live together and share at least one common room (e.g. group or personal care homes and assisted living facilities) should apply prevention strategies based on [Covid-19 Community Levels](#). It should be noted that the new recommendations do not affect facilities that are classified as providing healthcare services. Those facilities should continue to utilize the [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel](#).

Conference Panels: We had the opportunity to be a part of 2 panels at this year's OACB conference, the first being Pete along with Erich Bittner from OACB and Debbie Jenkins from OHCA to discuss the Associations' budget coalition and the upcoming work on the Budget. Then, Scott helped facilitate a panel discussion around local collaboration for Community Integration services. Huge thanks to Ashley Brocious, Cheryl Wilson, Mary Thompson-Hufford, and Kisha McCurdy for being a part of the panel and doing an amazing job representing providers of C/I services.

Retention Program: It appears the 6.5% retention bonus is finding a path at the statehouse. It was indicated that the bill language may be included with work the legislature is doing on distribution of ARPA funds. We will continue to keep you posted as we track the project's path during the lame duck session. Unfortunately that still likely means the program will not be implemented until the new year, and there will need to be some adjustments/flexibilities made given the much-delayed implementation. But there is a path forward which looks hopeful for the program's inclusion in upcoming legislation.

OOD CESP: Earlier this week, OOD sent out a memo [regarding changes to the CESP requirement](#), as well as [guidance for how teams can communicate when there are service delays](#) due to staffing capacity. The hope of this 1-year proposal is to expand capacity for Supported Employment-Job Development by allowing for a CESP 'mentorship model' as opposed to requiring certified staff to provide the service. Please contact [Scott](#) with any questions.



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 Innovative Technology Grant Awardees, the new MSY application process, rescheduled Medical Restraints webinar, Behavior Support Workshops and more!

Board Elections: We want to thank all of you who ran for a seat on the OPRA Board and for all of you who voted. As you know, we modified our Code of Regulations to have an election for the Board every year in every district. We hoped that the changes would encourage more statewide participation in elections and more interest in pursuing a seat on the Board. We were very happy with the participation. Thanks again and congratulations to all of the elected board members.

District 1-Jamie Steele

District 2-Dennis Grant

District 3-Lisa Reed

District 4-Dustin Watkins (New Board Member)

District 5-Jeff Johnson

District 6-Bob Heinzerling

District 7-Diane Beastrom

Pete's Travels-New Avenues: "I would like to thank Karen Knavel and her team for inviting me to New Avenues. We had a great day. It started with a tour of an ICF. I had a great tour guide and I appreciated the effort to make technology an essential component. After the tour we met and talked about the innovative things they are doing to address their challenges. I am always impressed by the members of our OPRA community and your commitment to providing great services...this spirit was definitely evident at New Avenues." -Pete



Upcoming Events

[12/6: DODD Webinar: Planned Respite And In-home Supports For Youth With Complex Needs](#)

[12/6: DODD Webinar: Sexual Assault and Intellectual Disability](#)

[12/7: DODD Webinar: Medical Restraints and the Behavioral Support Strategy Rule](#)

News and Resources

["COVID-19 cases in Ohio spike to highest level since mid-September"](#)

["How The Delivery Of HCBS Has Changed In The US Since The Pandemic"](#)

["Sensory-Friendly Santa Coming To Hundreds Of Locations Nationwide"](#)

["CMS throws down ultimatum on HCBS settings final rule compliance"](#)

