OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

DECEMBER 16, 2022

Retention Program: After several marathon legislative sessions, Ohio's legislature amended and passed HB 45, including language authorizing the 6.5% Retention program we have been discussing for the past several months. Soon following the passage of that bill, Governor Mike DeWine signed an executive Order, authorizing the rules to go forward implementing the program. Late last week, DODD sent out this communication, detailing the structure of the program, how providers can opt in, the reporting requirements and other important aspects of how this program will work. Because of the delayed implementation, the first quarter of the program will include 3 distinct provider payments, corresponding back to the previous 3 quarters worth of billing to be distributed to eligible staff throughout that quarter. In the subsequent quarters, the program will revert to its regular 'one quarter at a time' process. DODD has set up this webpage dedicated to the program and questions for DODD can be directed to this dedicated email address here. You can also feel free to reach out to any of the OPRA team with any questions you have. We want to thank all of our system partners who have made this initiative possible and most importantly, all of you for your patience through this process.

EVV: The Ohio Department of Medicaid currently does NOT have a timeline for turning on claims denials for missing or claims with insufficient Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) units. ODM said they are confident it will not happen in the next few months and will make sure to communicate the date this function will turn will all interested parties. However, there still is a rule that requires you to use EVV if you are providing any of the required services: 15-min HPC and waiver nursing. If you have any questions about EVV, please email Christine with any questions.

How is EVV information currently being used?

Prove/disprove allegations of fraud	Yes
Be reviewed in Medicaid audits	Yes
Be used to deny claims	Not yet, but sometime in the future

Works4Me Grant: Earlier this week OOD held an introductory meeting to the 'Works4Me' project, funding intended to help people working in or contemplating working in sub-minimum wage employment to find Competitive Integrated Employment opportunities. The project, which will begin with a pilot in NorthEast Ohio, will focus on jobs in the 'essential workers' and 'the arts' labor sectors. More information will be available soon and the meeting presentation can be found here.

Rep. Sweeney Testimony: As Ohio's House of Representatives debated amendments to HB 45 until the early morning hours last week, we wanted to flag this moment from Rep Bride Rose Sweeney, who represents western Cuyahoga County and has visited with OPRA members. Just after 3 minutes into the video, the Rep. makes the case for funding for ICFs, citing the advocacy she's heard during her time in office, showing the importance of this outreach.

H.B. NO. 45
ESTABLISH TEMPORARY TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM
DEC 15, 2022
OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Rewind 10 Seconds
03:01 / 09:40
THE OHIO CHANNEL ● IDEASTREAM ● COPYRIGHT 2022

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 a number of important Outcome Tracking System (OTS) updates and resources, CBD and medical Marijuana guidance, MyLearning updates and more!

Nisonger Survey: Our friends at the OSU Nisonger survey have asked us to share this survey related to their 'Building Bridges' Dual Diagnoses grant project. From Nisonger: "We would like to invite you to participate in an online survey that aims improve services and supports for individuals with ID/DD (intellectual and developmental disabilities) and mental health disabilities.Participants can take the survey at any time. It will take 15-20 minutes to complete. We are looking for both providers in the mental health workforce and providers in the developmental disabilities workforce. Participants will be asked about their experiences with mental health and DD services and supports, barriers to getting services and training needs for professionals within the IDD and MHD systems.
[If you are interested in participating in this survey, please click this link.](#)
Please feel free to reach out to Manisha Khatiwada through email manisha.khatiwada@osumc.edu or through phone (614-366-3828) if you have any questions."

PRF: Phase 4 of reporting for the federal Provider Relief Fund will open at the beginning of the new year and will remain open through March 31st. [You can learn more here](#) or by emailing [Christine](#) with any questions.

Velcro Coalition: The Velcro Coalition, an informal group formed in 2021 by OPRA and OACB to highlight promising practices and collaboration between county boards and providers will hold our [final quarterly meeting of 2022 on December 21st at 10am.](#)(Passcode: 4353727) The meeting will be a 'Collaboration Celebration' and feature John Silfies of Silfies Media sharing many of the videos he's produced about local collaboration. Please reach out to [Scott](#) to know more.

What do you call birds who stick together?

Vel-crows!

LearnFunnyJokes.com

Upcoming Events

[12/21: OPRA ICF Committee Meeting](#)

[12/21 OPRA Residential Waiver Committee](#)

[1/11: OPRA Workshop - Why You Need to Automate Your Employee Onboarding Process and How to Do It
Sponsored by Intellinetics](#)

News and Resources

["'It's coming back with a vengeance': Ohio sees high flu activity amid COVID, RSV concerns"](#)

["Improving Care For Dually Eligible Individuals With Intellectual And/Or Developmental Disabilities"](#)

["DeWine to focus on mental health, jobs, education in next 4 years as governor"](#)

["A closer look at Ohio voting restrictions now at desk of Gov. Mike DeWine"](#)