# **OPRA FRIDAY 5**

#### News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

#### DECEMBER 23, 2022

<u>Retention Bonus Program</u>: If you have not done so, we encourage you to view <u>DODD's webpage</u> dedicated to the program. Questions for DODD can be directed to <u>this dedicated email address here</u>. We want to thank all of our system partners who made this initiative possible and most importantly, all of you for your patience through this process!

<u>Retention Bonus Program and DOL</u>: As you and your teams continue to work through the retention bonus program, please be aware that the payments must be made in compliance with both DODD requirements and US Department of Labor regulations, including the Fair Labor Standards Act. We strongly encourage you to review <u>this guidance from DOL</u> on bonuses to ensure compliance.

#### Please send your questions on the Retention Bonus Program to any member of the OPRA team.

<u>Blueprint Workgroup</u>: Earlier this week, DODD held a meeting of the Rule & Waiver sub-committee of the Blueprint workgroup. This was the first Blueprint meeting since the group went on hiatus earlier in the fall. During the meeting, DODD and the Milliman contractor team shared proposed elements of a revised Adult Day Support service/rule including new program elements, rate structures and quality incentive program. DODD is looking for feedback and/or alternative proposals by late February 2023 and we will work closely with our members and committees on developing OPRA's feedback. You can find the proposal in this <u>PowerPoint</u>. Please reach out to <u>Scott</u> with any questions, feedback or alternative ideas to this proposal.

<u>Congress Funds the Federal Government</u>: This week Congress passed a budget bill to fund the government and implement a number of policy changes. One change includes revising a policy implemented in the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act allows state Medicaid programs to start the Medicaid eligibility redetermination process in Q2 of 2023. You learn more about the changes and what they could mean for providers and your staff <u>here</u>.

<u>PRF:</u> Phase 4 of reporting for the federal Provider Relief Fund opens 1/1/2023 and will remain open through March 31st. If you received Phase 4 funding, you must report how you spent the funds. <u>You can learn more here</u> or by emailing <u>Christine</u> with any questions.



Miss the 12/22 Call? You can watch the recording <u>here</u>. PASSCODE: \$4CP=C?I



## **Upcoming Events**

<u>1/11: OPRA Workshop - Why You Need to</u> <u>Automate Your Employee Onboarding Process</u> <u>and How to Do It: Sponsored by Intellinetics</u> 1/20: Friday 5: Budget Coalition Presentation from The Impact Group <u>1/24: Town Hall Tuesday: OhioRISE</u>

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