

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

DECEMBER 30, 2022

Blueprint Workgroup: Last week DODD held a meeting of the Rule & Waiver sub-committee of the Blueprint workgroup, 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. Major elements of the proposal include;

- New rate structures for both facility and community-based day services, including a 3-tiered structure and corresponding rates for each.
- Added language to the ADS service definition to include services that take place both in 'non-residential service sites and the community'.
- Elimination of Daily Billing rate for required 15 minute billing units.
- The elimination of the 8 'cost of doing business' categories for 2, Urban and Rural, rate categories.
- Quality incentive program including reporting, IT, and outcome attainment components, which DODD is looking to fund with \$15.5M in additional funding.
- Rate increases in Career Planning-Job Development and Individual Employment Supports to correspond with OOD rates.

The proposal was mostly focused on the ADS rule and did not include any recommendations regarding Voc Hab, BEST, or Group Employment. We will be working with members to develop feedback and counter-proposals for DODD by their requested date in late February.

You can find the proposal in this [PowerPoint](#). Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions, feedback or alternative ideas to this proposal.

Ohio Min. Wage: Please remember that starting 1/1/23, Ohio's minimum wage is going to raise to \$10.10 for non-tipped employees. <https://com.ohio.gov/static/documents/2023MWPoster.pdf>

Town Hall Tuesday: We will be hosting a Town Hall Tuesday on 1/24/23 at 8:30am with our partners at Aetna and the Ohio Department of Medicaid on OhioRISE and how providers can help multi-system youth they serve access OhioRISE services. [You can register here.](#) Any questions about the Town Hall can be directed to [Christine](#).

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.

Retention Program: The portal to 'opt-in' to the 6.5% Retention program opens next week on January 3rd. If you have not done so, we encourage you to view [DODD's webpage](#) dedicated to the program. Questions for DODD can be directed to this dedicated email address here. 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! 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 this guidance from DOL](#) on bonuses to ensure compliance.

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



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 the 2021 DSP Compensation Survey results, updates OSASS Provider Training Series dates, OISP Regional gatherings, In-Person Tech training and more.



Upcoming Events

1/5: OPRA Day & Employment Services Committees Meeting

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

1/20: Friday 5: Budget Coalition Presentation from The Impact Group

1/24: Town Hall Tuesday: OhioRISE

CALLING ALL SPEAKERS

We are now accepting proposals for the 2023 Spring Conference! Learn more and submit your proposal [here](#).

