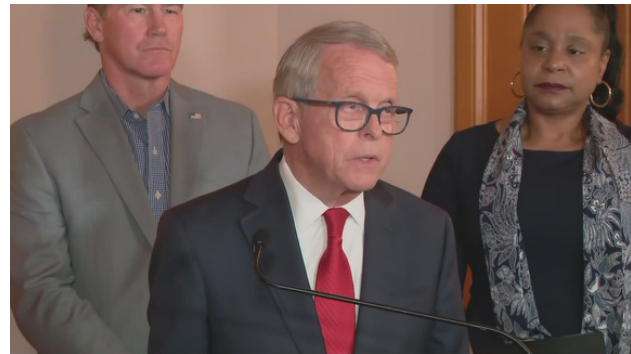


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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JULY 7, 2023

Budget Update: Earlier this week, Governor DeWine signed House Bill 33, Ohio's state biennium operating budget, into law. Ohio's DD services will see a total increase of over a billion dollars from local, state, and federal sources over the next two years. Governor DeWine issued 44 line-item vetoes on the budget, including language around statewide average wages for DSPs. OPRA anticipated this veto as it is consistent with Governor DeWine's previous budgets. The veto does not impact the funding the General Assembly appropriated and we believe DODD will increase rates in a manner consistent with the vetoed language. You can read Governor DeWine's full veto message [here](#) (see page 6). OPRA wants to thank the OPRA members who submitted written testimony to the various committees of jurisdiction this budget! We also want to thank the OPRA members, families, and people served who testified in person at the Statehouse! We could not do the advocacy without you! A few notes regarding the rate increases;



- Funding is meant to increase rates to a level to support a statewide AVERAGE DSP wage of \$18/hour starting on 1/1/24 and a statewide AVERAGE DSP wage of \$19/hour on 7/1/24* for waiver services including HPC, PD-HPC, OSOC, Day, Employment, NMT, Transportation, Shared Living, Remote Support.
- Includes increases to various add-ons, home-delivered meals, and money management.
- Rate tables for all of the services will be released by mid-August.
- Rate assumes increased funding for frontline supervisors.
- For ICFs: Funding is meant to support a statewide average DSP wage of \$17/hour starting 7/1/23 and a statewide average DSP wage of \$18/hour on 7/1/24*

Blueprint: Thanks to everyone who attended yesterday's Day & Employment Services committee meeting. A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to a review of the technical guide for the upcoming ADS Quality Pilot project. Applications for the project will open up in August. [Please review the ADS Quality Pilot Technical Implementation Guide here](#) and reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions about the project.

Rule Review: This week DODD sent out two rules that are up for the 5 year review. Rule 5123:2-1-03 regarding locally funded transportation, and Rule 5123-12-01 regarding video conferencing by the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council. Both rules can be accessed on the [Department's website](#). Comment for both rules is due July 20th.

CMS Resources: CMS has provided some new resources and information for individuals with IDD and their aging caregivers. [You can access the information 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](#), including information on the upcoming Tech Summit (Registration linked in Events section), deadlines for wage and compensation survey, date corrections for provider support information sessions and more!

Calling All Speakers! OPRA is proud to announce that the call for session proposals is officially open for the 2023 OPRA Fall Conference. The conference will be in-person and hosted at Nationwide Conference Center on October 26th & 27th, 2023. We invite you to submit a thought-provoking, informative session with a clear outline of the tangible impact your presentation will have on attendees and their teams. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Awards: OPRA is pleased to announce the call for nominations are now open for the 2023 OPRA Annual Awards. The purpose of the OPRA Annual Awards is to honor dedicated service professionals, groups and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions in the I/DD Field. We encourage all provider member agencies to submit nominations to recognize those that have worked hard and dedicated their time to help support the people they serve. We are accepting (2) nominations for each category per agency. Please take a moment to review the attached OPRA Awards Descriptions and coordinate with your staff before submitting your nominations. **All nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, August 25th, 2023.** You can [CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to the Annual Award Form to submit your nomination. You will be asked to log into your OPRA account. Nominators will be contacted no later than Friday, September 8th regarding the status of your award nomination. Please reach out to [Sonya](#) if you have any questions about this year's nomination process



Upcoming Events

[7/11: OPRA Provider Scream Room Session](#)

[8/11: Tech Summit 2023](#)

[Click here for DODD July Trainings](#)

News & Resources

["Ohio's \\$86 billion state budget signed by Gov. Mike DeWine: Here's how it impacts you"](#)

["CMS' spending requirement in HCBS rule 'not the right approach,' senior living advocates say"](#)

["Ohio spends a lot on Medicaid. But is its overall health up to par?"](#)

["Chris Page: The disabled need help in East Palestine"](#)

