

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Rates Published: Yesterday afternoon, DODD published the full rate tables and associated rules implementing the increases outlined in HB 33. [A quick reference page can be found here](#), which highlights the budget increases for Day Array services, as well as the effective 1/1/24 rates for ADS, Voc Hab, NMT, H/PC, OSOC and Shared Living. [The rates and associated rules for all of the services can be found here](#). The rates found in the 'Appendix A' for each service contain the rates that will be in effect from 1/1/24-6/30/24, and the rates in 'Appendix B' will be in effect from 7/1/24 onward. We hope that finally having the full rate tables will help in your planning for 2024. Please reach out to [Scott](#) or [Christine](#) with any questions about the rate tables.



D.C. Fly-in: We had the honor to be a part of the Washington DC Ohio DD Council fly-in event on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Pete Moore, along with OPRA members Michelle Madden from Independence of Portage County, Inc. and Tim Neville from Echoing Hills Village, Inc. made Hill visits with Ohio's Congressional delegation. They joined representatives from OACB, the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, self advocates, and families to advocate for services for Ohioans with developmental disabilities. The Ohio crew is pictured here with Rep Troy Balderson, who represents Ohio's 12th District.

We will be sharing additional information on the bills and issues discussed on this trip so you can continue the advocacy and keep the momentum rolling as we prepare for another trip to DC in October as part of [ANCOR's Policy Summit](#). If you are planning to travel to DC for that event, please reach out to [Christine](#), as we are looking to organize a member dinner while there.

CMS Rule: [CMS released their proposed rule](#) regarding minimum staffing standards for long-term care facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting. This rule does have some payment reporting requirements for ICFs. The proposed rule is currently open for comment with comments due by 11/6/23. The portion of the rule that references ICF's begins on page 95. Comment is being sought regarding the frequency of the reporting as well as the type of information reported, be it just salary/wages or a total compensation package. OPRA will be submitting comment to ANCOR, which will then compile and submit comments to CMS. If you would like to provide comment regarding the proposed rule, please email either [Rachel](#) or [Christine](#).

Covid and New Vaccine: With Covid surging in various parts of the state right now, providers should ensure they are following their infection control policies. Additionally, this week [the FDA gave approval on an emergency use authorization for an updated vaccine](#) which has been formulated to better target the predominant variants that are currently circulating. This vaccine is recommended for those age 6 months or older and is expected to be available by the end of this week.



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](#), which includes info on the Outcome Tracking System, Behavior Support Workshops, OhioISP Team Holding Regional Gatherings, Mental Health Training and the repeat of the Community Integrated Services webinar.

M&C Committee: Thanks to all who attended this week's Marketing and Communications committee meeting and special thanks to our guests Barb Lyons of Lyons Consulting and Ashley Jones of MCA.

[The recording of the meeting can be found here.](#) The passcode is: L3#C@0Lt



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Upcoming Events

[9/18: OPRA District 2 Meeting](#)

[10/25: OPRA PAC Fundraiser at Top Golf](#)

[10/26-27: OPRA Fall Conference](#)

[Click here for DODD September Trainings](#)

News & Resources

["Sens. Wyden, Brown, and Cassidy introduce bill to update SSI"](#)

["Harvard Business Review: People with Disabilities Are an Untapped Talent Pool"](#)

["CMS Issues Proposed Rule on Minimum Staffing Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities"](#)

["Global report on children with developmental disabilities"](#)

