

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Transportation and UCR: The latest DODD workgroup focusing on employment services includes the potential of bringing up a new service/rate specifically designed for transporting people to their jobs in the community. Ahead of the next workgroup meeting, which will be solely focused on this topic, DODD and contractor Milliman have [put together this data request for providers](#) who have utilized a usual customary rate (UCR) to provide transportation. We hope providers who have developed a methodology for a UCR (likely to provide 'commercial transportation') will participate in the survey, please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

Speaker of the House: This week we saw the US House of Representatives plunge into chaos as House Republicans tried to replace Speaker McCarthy. This week Rep Steve Scalise from Louisiana was nominated to take the Speaker's gavel but abruptly withdrew last night after it was clear he didn't have the votes to clear another procedural hurdle. This leaves the field open to Ohio's Rep. Jim Jordan, though reporting so far doesn't indicate that he has the votes either to take the speaker's gavel. There are a number of possible outcomes, each that could drastically change the way the US House will be governed until the next general election. [You can read more here.](#) What does this mean for providers? It is near certain there will be government shut down starting in mid-November which could impact provider's ability to be paid should the shutdown extend past a few months.

ADS Pilot: The application period for the ADS Quality Pilot opened yesterday at 2pm and is officially open until Monday 10/16. However we have learned from DODD that 151 providers have already applied, so unfortunately for those who have not yet applied, it is likely too late as the pilot only has space for 76 providers. DODD informed us today that selections will be made aware within the next 2 weeks by 10/27.

Policy Summit: This week, some of the OPRA team had the honor and privilege of joining OPRA members and other Ohio DD system stakeholders in Washington DC for ANCOR's Policy Summit & Hill Day. We want to thank our partners at ANCOR for putting on this great event, which allows the opportunity to learn from the top policy officials as well as meet in-person with Ohio's delegation of legislators. Through meetings with the offices of Senators Brown and Vance, as well as Representatives Miller, Brown, Sykes, Joyce, Beatty, Balderson, Kaptur, Turner and Jim Jordan, we were able to advocate about important Federal policy such as the development of a [SOC\(standard occupational classification\) code for DSPs](#) and the [proposed DOL overtime rule](#). Huge thanks to those OPRA members who made the trip to DC to advocate and educate on these important policies.



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 ADS Quality Pilot, Retention Program, behavior support workshops, Employment First 'Back to Basics' training, and OISP regional gatherings.

Committees: Due to scheduling conflicts, many OPRA committees scheduled for the next two weeks are either canceled or rescheduled. HR, ICF, and Residential Waiver are canceled; Policy and Health Care have been rescheduled. See below calendar for next week's rescheduled meetings.



Fall Conference: We are excited to announce that registration is officially open for the OPRA Fall 2023 Conference. We are looking forward to seeing you all on October 26th-27th. [Click here to register](#), as well as learn about the sessions, sponsors, networking opportunities that are already planned. Please reach out to [Melissa](#) with any questions or help needed.



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Upcoming Events

[10/17: OPRA Policy Committee](#)

[10/19: Webinar: Benefits of Sandata's Full-Featured Agency Management System and RCM](#)

[10/19: OPRA Health Care Committee](#)

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

[Click here for DODD October/November Trainings](#)

News & Resources

["A workforce crisis is damaging families' access to therapies for babies with developmental delays"](#)

["Redefining Disability Rights Since Willowbrook"](#)

["COVID-19 cases reach lowest point since August"](#)

["Social Security COLA Increase: Your Monthly Payments Are Increasing in 2024"](#)



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