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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

OCTOBER 20, 2023

14C Stakeholder Meeting: Earlier this month the US Department of Labor announced they were embarking on a systematic review of the 14c Program, and would be launching [stakeholder sessions](#) to make recommendations about the future of the policy. The first of those sessions will be held next Thursday, October 26th at 5:30 pm. [You can register for that session here.](#)

Pre-Voc and Employment: The latest DODD workgroup focusing on employment services met in person today, primarily to look at the various aspects of bringing up a new 'Community Employment Transportation' service. The Milliman consulting team walked through the results of their recent data request, as well as several transportation models from other states. Over the next several meetings, the group will develop either a rate or methodology for establishing a UCR for this service, which DODD hopes to have in effect by July of 2024. The group also discussed the existing and potential gaps in employment and vocational supports as policies are adjusted.

Signage: Following last month's day array committee and the presentation from the Office of Compliance, we are looking to follow up with DODD on the issue of 'disability-specific signage' and the citations being issued for it. We are looking for examples of where you may have been cited by DODD for 'disability-specific signage' on either your buildings or vehicles. If you have been cited for this over the past few years and are willing to share, please reach out or send example citations to [Scott](#). Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Speaker of the House: The search for a Speaker of the US House of Representatives will continue on as Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan failed a 3rd attempt at the gavel today. This stalemate will almost definitely lead to a government shutdown in the coming months. Discussions with DODD and other state officials indicate Ohio has prepared for how to ensure the continuance of payments to needed services, even in the event of an extremely prolonged shutdown, using rainy day and other state reserve funds.

Health Services Coordination: For the past year and a half we have been part of a group made up of representatives from OACB, OHCA, county board representatives, and provider representatives that has been working to develop a possible new service called Health Care Coordination. We know that our system has historically had a gap in clinical supports for individuals that receive waiver services. Many of these clinical supports that you provide need to be paid for out of your own pocket. The thought is that the creation of a new Medicaid waiver service called Health Care Coordination would help to ensure that folks are receiving the supports they need while being able to expand nursing capacity within the system. We do not have any information as to what this rate would be, or what all services could be included. We are just in the very beginning stages of this proposal. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) with questions about the proposal.

Board Elections: Just a reminder that we are in the midst of our Board elections, there is a seat in each of our 7 OPRA districts. Each provider member gets one vote in your district. Each provider received a ballot complete with information about the candidates. The ballots must be mailed in or if you are attending the conference you can bring your ballot with you. Please contact [Sonya](#) Summers if you have any questions.



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 Update to Home and Community-Based Waiver Rules, Waiver Modernization Work, January 2023 Waiver Rate Increases, and where the Outcome Tracking System Website Has moved to.

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.



Curriculum Approval: As ADS pilot applicants will learn over the next week whether they have been selected to participate in the program, we have learned of the first approved 'skill-building curriculum' that is a component of the program. Congratulations to our friends at CEUCertificates for getting the '[Step up to Social Connections](#)' approved by DODD as part of the project. If you would like to know more about the curriculum, please reach out to Debra Schumard at debra@ceucertificates.com. Please also feel free to reach out to Scott once you learn if you have been accepted into the pilot or not.

Upcoming Events

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

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

News & Resources

["DeWine announces initiative to support Ohio children with special needs"](#)

["Jim Jordan's speakership bid ends after third lost vote"](#)

["Ohio COVID-19 cases tick up after weeks of decreases"](#)

["Sony Introduces Accessible Controller for PlayStation 5"](#)



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