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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Issue 2 Resources: Christine added an Issue 2 resource center for members on the OPRA website. You can access the page [here-](#) This page is behind the membership wall and you must sign in to your website account to access the resources. If you have trouble accessing your account, please reach out to [Sonya](#) for assistance.

Rule Review: There is a public hearing scheduled for a large group of rules governing the HCBS waiver rate increases. You can review the rules up for review and find out how to provide comment [directly to DODD here](#). If you have any questions about the rules, please reach out to [Christine.](#)

Shutdown Averted (for now): Yesterday President Biden signed a bill temporarily funding the federal government through January 19th, 2024 for some federal agencies and through February 2nd, 2024 for the remaining agencies. This bill, now law, continued funding the federal government after another temporary funding bill was set to run out today. As you remember, the stop-gap bill signed a few months ago that ultimately led to the ouster of former Speaker Kevin McCarthy. You can read more about the new [temporary funding mechanism here.](#)

Employment Pilot: In addition to the ADS pilot that is currently just getting underway, DODD has also secured funding through ARPA to support an 'Employment Service Quality Pilot'. This program would utilize a value-based payment model to provide payment to providers for achieving certain milestones in employment services, such as job placements, hours worked, wage earned, etc...ARPA also requires that the pilot plan must also utilize funding towards 'training and technology' to help implement the pilot. To that end, [I have put together this brief, 5-question survey](#) to gather feedback from employment service providers and help DODD better direct this funding. We encourage providers who deliver community employment supports to complete the short survey. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions and/or thoughts.

Waiver Redesign: This week OPRA participated in 2 sub-groups as part of the Waiver redesign. The first group was looking at tele-health services and adding this as a service under the waiver. We know that many of you participated in the pilot program with Station MD and had some great results. The other sub-group that OPRA is participating is for specialized medical equipment and vehicular modifications. This rule can be very vague at times and has room for improvement regarding what is covered and where. These groups will meet over the next few weeks and months to hammer this out as part of waiver redesign. We will make sure to update membership regarding these services and the groups feedback.

NASDDDS Conference: This week, Pete had the opportunity to join other representatives from Ohio's DD system at the National Association of State DD Directors conference in Washington, DC. The conference and associated meetings held several opportunities for networking and learning about various service models and policy initiatives from across the country.

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 New Appendix K Resources , ADS Quality Pilot Project Informational Webinars, Innovative Technology Solutions RFP Update, and ICF Day Program Cost Reporting Clarification mentioned today.

JOIN OPRA FOR A NIGHT OUT!
OPRA PAC

Cleveland Cavaliers VS New York Knicks

When: Sunday, March 3 @ 7:00 PM
Where: Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse
Fee: $150

To purchase CAVS tickets scan the QR code
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Upcoming Events

11/23: Happy Thanksgiving!

12/7: OPRA Day Array Committee

Click here for DODD November & December Trainings

News & Resources

"Issue 2 Resources for OPRA Members"

"Mapping the Issues: How Ohio's ballot measures stack up against recent elections, one another"

"State Agency Urges Employers to Consider Hiring Ohioans with Disabilities"

"New York: We're facing a crisis in caregiving for the disability community"

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