

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

DECEMBER 1, 2023

Oversight and Compliance Review Survey: Over the past few months, we have discussed the development of a survey/tool for providers after they have been through a certification/licensure/compliance review with any of the regulating agencies (DODD, ODM, etc...).

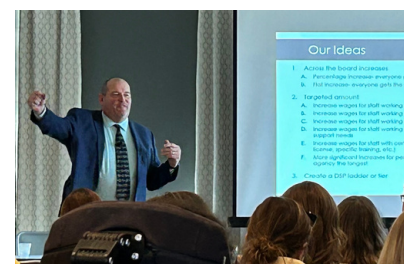
We have developed this survey/tool for members to complete following a review, if you wish to do so. We are hopeful this process will help us have better, data-informed discussions with our regulatory partners and help us identify trends and patterns in the review process and direct our advocacy on this front. We encourage members to use this survey in the instance of both positive and negative review experiences. We are grateful to our members who helped develop this tool/process and look forward to understanding more about the various review experiences.

ADS Pilot: The first round of payments associated with the ADS Quality Pilot went out to participating providers this week. This \$10k payment is intended for providers to make upgrades to their tech/IT infrastructure to better support the pilot and service opportunities. Please let Scott know if you did not receive the payment. **DODD has also just updated the Blueprint resource page to include more materials and guidance related back to the pilot.** The next payment to go out to providers should be the Staff Training payments. We will hold our first meeting of the OPRA sub-committee for the pilot on Monday December 11th at 1pm. Calendar invites will go out to the Day Array listserv next week. We will also be hosting a Day Array committee meeting next Thursday, December 7th at 9:30am.

OOD Short-term PBJD: Earlier this week, OOD sent a memo out that effective today, December 1st, authorizations can be issued for 'Performance Based Job Development for Non-permanent or Temporary Placements'. This change was brought about by provider feedback and essentially works the same as typical PBJD. The authorizations and payments will be made in 3 tiers, the 3rd tier broken up into 30 day intervals, depending on how long someone is with the temporary job. **To learn more and read the FAQ, click here.**

Signage: After an ongoing dialogue with DODD and our partners at Vorys, we have indication that the Office of Compliance will no longer be citing providers for 'disability-specific signage'. Over the past few years, we had seen citations for signage on buildings, vehicles and in parking lots of agencies. This citation, which was based off of now-outdated CMS guidance, was also at times in conflict with PUCO requirements to have an agency's name listed on a carrier vehicle. Although we do not expect any formal guidance to be published on this, we are pleased to see DODD come to this decision. You can appeal any current or future citations on this issue. Please reach out to **Scott** if you have any questions or if you happen to get cited on this in a future review.

OACB: This week, Pete and Christine had the opportunity to present at the 40th Annual OACB Convention on 'Communicating the Budget Increases'. OPRA, along with our budget coalition partners, were also awarded the Partners in Excellence award during the convention's award dinner. Thank to our partners at OACB and the county boards for their support and for including us in this convention.



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 Residential Respite and Shared Living Guidance, info on the Ohio Charting the LifeCourse Showcase, DODD the RFP for Bringing Fathers Forward, DODD IT System Maintenance Updates and more.



HIPAA Survey: To better tailor our services to your needs, we invite you to participate in a brief survey about our upcoming HIPAA workshop series provided by our Partner: [MyHIPPA Guide](#). Your input is invaluable to ensure we meet your expectations. [CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#). Thank you for taking a moment to share your valuable feedback with us. Please reach out to [Melissa](#) with any questions.

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.

Employment Pilot: In order to help better direct the funding for training and technology for an upcoming Employment Services Pilot [I have put together this brief, 5-question survey](#). Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions or further feedback.

Upcoming Events

[12/7: OPRA Day Array Committee](#)

[12/12: OPRA HR Committee](#)

[12/14: OPRA Health Care Committee](#)

[Click here for DODD November & December Trainings](#)

News & Resources

["Commentary: Do Disability-Specific Settings Violate the ADA?"](#)

["Report: Companies That Lead in Disability Inclusion Outperform Peers"](#)

["Waiting for Care: Three-Fourths of States Have Waiting Lists for Some Medicaid Home Care Programs"](#)

["More than 342,000 Ohioans have lost their Medicaid coverage since April"](#)

