

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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**DODD DSP Wage Verification:** DODD released the summary report of the 2022 DSP Wage Verification Survey. [You can view the report here](#). As a reminder, the data focuses on wages and other information specific to providers and DSP who provide HPC. We expect the additional services that received an increase from the state budget to be included in the reporting requirements for 2024.

**ARPA Workforce Funds:** This week, DODD released all of the application and informational materials related to their 'ARPA DSP Workforce' grant projects. [The materials can be accessed here](#), but you must scroll down the page to the 'Workforce Support' tab in order to find them. The approximately \$5M in ARPA funds are intended to support projects that bolster workforce efforts including DSP personal support networks, professional support networks, front-line mentorship programs, organizational culture building, awareness campaigns, relationship-building and 'other' workforce-related initiatives. The funds are on a 'first-come, first-served' basis and the application period will end on June 30th, or when all of the funds have been awarded. Please reach out to [Scott](#) or [Teresa](#) with any questions about this funding.

**Coalition Data Collection:** Next week, the DD Budget Coalition will release the first version of an on-going data collection effort to understand how the rate increases are impacting services. We encourage everyone to participate! We will share more information about the efforts on next week's Friday Five call.

**Training Feedback:** OPRA is working on our training catalog and resources for 2024 and beyond. We are seeking feedback from members on what training resources would be especially needed, relevant and useful for you and your agency. Specifically, we are seeking feedback on what trainings, platforms or resources members use to complete the trainings that are 'provided or arranged by the agency' (30 Day, Annual) and/or any specific training topics/resources you'd like to see OPRA offer. Feedback on any of these items, or about training needs more generally can be sent to [Scott](#).

**Upcoming Committee Meetings:** The next HR Committee is scheduled for 2/8 at 10am. Ann Weisent from DODD will be joining the group for a discussion on the rate increases and current impact on providers. If you would like to join the discussion, please email [Christine](#). Additionally, on Wednesday 2/21, we will be having our Residential Waiver meeting and our ICF Committee meetings. We are in the process of putting together agendas for both meetings. We will be hosting Angel Morgan from the DODD Compliance Team during both meetings. We have asked for them to review and trends in citations for 2023 as well as particular areas of focus this year as well any initiatives the compliance department will be looking at this year. We also will be talking about some follow up on House Bill 236 and the potential impact of this. If there are specific topics or issues that you would like to see addressed or the committees discuss, please let [Rachel](#) know.

**MyHIPAA Guide 2024 Privacy & Security Work Plan:** HIPAA compliance made manageable: Our partners at MyHIPAA Guide have just released their 2024 Privacy & Security Work Plan, which breaks down required efforts to safeguard data and information month-by-month to make security success achievable. Each month provides a list of tasks to be completed to keep you on track with privacy and security goals. [Click here to learn more.](#)



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday:** Click here to read this week's [Memo Monday](#), which includes information on the Transformative Technology RFP, The Outcome Tracking system reporting dates, the ARPA workforce grant funds, and the OISP regional gatherings.

**New Partners:** OPRA has welcomed two new partners to our Vendor Partnership Program. These partnerships help us bring new resources to the OPRA membership and collaborate on new services, products and solutions. Click below to learn about our new partners.

**Reidy Medical** is a family-run medical supply company that provides PPE, incontinence, nutritional, and household items to ICF's across the state with next-day delivery. Reidy's sister DME company, Doyle Medical, provides the same supplies while billing Medicaid and waiver benefits. The combined services can meet all your ICF and group home needs with just one contact. Reidy Medical Supply offers a discount to all OPRA members. Let our family serve your residents and staff today!



**giv.plus** is an all-in-one IDD software solution that helps make managing group homes, day programs, and provider agencies easier than ever before. Our mobile apps allow caregivers to clock in and out of their shifts, see schedules, communicate with guardians and other staff, write daily notes, and submit payroll hours all in one place. Our unique management dashboard allows providers to onboard new clients seamlessly, track budgets, manage schedules, and download reports for Medicaid billing and payroll all in one place. giv.plus allows direct service providers to manage their businesses more efficiently and provide more compassionate and profitable care to their clients.

## Upcoming Events

2/8: OPRA HR Committee

[Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events](#)

## News and Resources

["How Does Use of Medicaid Wraparound Services by Dual-Eligible Individuals Vary by Service, State, and Enrollees' Demographics?"](#)

["Census Weighs Overhaul Of Disability Questions"](#)

["HCBS access rule heads to final review amid senior living industry concerns"](#)

["Columbus, Ohio Bans Employers From Inquiring About Salary History"](#)

