

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

MARCH 8, 2024

Rules Clearance: Last week, DODD issued 4 rule updates, seeking clearance comments by March 15th. The rules include the Career Planning and Individual Employment Supports rules, where DODD is looking to add 'outcome payments' to those competitive employment services as discussed in this week's Day and Employment committee. The other rules include the Specialized Medical Equipment rule with changes intended to outline a process in relation to state plan services, as well as a new rule/service called 'Health Care Assessment', which is aimed at bringing the tele-health assessment services being piloted into Ohio's waiver services. [The rules can be found here.](#)

Recreational Marijuana: The [OPRA website](#) has been updated with some additional resources regarding employer policies and Ohio's legalization of recreational marijuana. Please note the General Assembly previously indicated they would change the recreational marijuana law passed by voters in November, but so far have made no changes. Questions about the law can be sent to [Christine](#).

IA Rule: This week OPRA sent formal comments to the Department regarding the Investigative Agent Certification Standards rule. This rule identifies the certification standards and training for Investigative Agents. OPRA's comments included a recommendation that the concept of Just Culture is incorporated into the foundational training for investigative agents.

PNM issues - We have reached out to ODM and DODD to ask for a joint meeting to discuss the issues we're hearing about regarding PNM. If you are having issues with PNM that you have not been able to get resolved, please email [Teresa](#) so we can identify common concerns and share those with ODM/DODD.

Case for Inclusion: On Wednesday, our partners at ANCOR hosted a webinar launching this year's [Case for Inclusion](#). People might find the associated [advocacy blueprint](#) particularly interesting.

Eclipse: Reminder that the Solar Eclipse is happening on Monday, April 8th. Many portions of Ohio will be impacted by the path of the solar eclipse. [OPRA has put together a ppt with a list of resources](#) for providers and will continue to provide updates. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) with any questions.

URS Art Show: The United Rehabilitation Services of Dayton's Art Show was a great way to celebrate DD Awareness Month. Pete had the chance to visit with Reps White and Lipps, Superintendent Dr. Pam Combs, and many of the URS staff and people receiving services. Thank you Dennis and the URS team!



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 Info on the RFP Available for Creative Services, Guidance for Administration of Injectable Mediations by DD Personnel, a Reminder to Utilize Correct Billing Code for Parent/Family Caregiver service, Funding to Support Conference Attendance, Call for Proposals for Ocalionline and more!

OOD and Works 4 Me: OOD has proposed 'outreach funds' intended for providers who utilize 14c certificates to help communicate about the Works For Me Project with those they support. [That proposal and application can be found here](#). We are also expecting RFPs for a Provider Subject Matter Expert and a Family Engagement Coordinator to be released soon. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with questions.

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Upcoming Events

3/15: OPRA District 6 Meeting

3/19: OPRA District 3 Meeting

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

News and Resources

"For Patients With Intellectual And Developmental Disabilities, Access To HCBS Remains Grim"

"Federal government to investigate private equity's influence on nursing homes, HCBS, home health"

"Critical gaps in care for developmentally disabled must be addressed | Opinion"





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