

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

APRIL 26, 2024

**OOD Fee Schedule:** Thanks to all of the members who reached out regarding OOD's various fee schedule proposals, as outlined in the recent [‘feedback and response’ document](#). While we are generally supportive of many of the included ideas, we are seeking much more information from OOD on the specifics of the proposals. We are disappointed by the general rate increase of 4.5%, but have already begun discussions with OOD on potential paths forward. We will be meeting with OOD leadership on May 6th to discuss this feedback and hope to have more information and some more favorable rate proposals in subsequent proposal drafts. [You can read OPRA’s initial feedback to OOD here](#). Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions or further feedback.

**Coalition Data Survey:** The second iteration of the DD Budget coalition’s survey remains open until May 1st. We have seen lower participation this round and would like to make sure that we have a large enough sample to use the data. We strongly encourage you to complete the second survey. [You can take the survey here](#). Questions on the survey can be sent to [Christine](#) or [Scott](#).

**HB 465:** On Tuesday, the House Families and Aging Committee held a third hearing for opponents and interested parties on House Bill 465 (Lauren’s Law). OPRA submitted written testimony thanking the General Assembly for opening the conversation and looked forward to working with the General Assembly on how we can find new ways to strengthen services for Ohioans developmental disabilities. You can read [Pete’s written testimony and other witness testimony here](#). You can watch a [recording of the hearing here](#).

**Federal Rules:** This week, the Biden administration released four final rules that impact providers, including the HCBS Access Rule, Nursing Home Minimum Staffing Rule, DOL Overtime Exemption Threshold Rule and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Non-Compete Final Rule. Christine presented on the changes on this morning’s member call. The slides from her presentation can be [found here](#). The recording of the presentation can be [found here](#) (the Federal presentation begins at about 33 mins). Passcode: 0Q=2xrR@

**CESP Data Study:** OPRA is partnering with one of our members to collect data on the efficacy/impact of the CESP credential. The data collection tool and instructions can be found on the [website here](#). Please reach out to Scott with any questions and/or if you are interested in being part of a qualitative data discussion regarding your experience with the credential.

**Add-on Rates:** After several member questions, we wanted to clarify and supply information on the rate adjustments to the competency/longevity-based add-ons. The C/L add-on did receive the same percentage level of increase as the other waiver services; currently 30.81% and 38.08% on July 1st, meaning the DSP is eligible for the additional \$1.31/hr now and subsequently \$1.38/hr after 7/1. DODD’s budget information page, including [these rate adjustments can be found here](#).



# 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 'Delegation of Health Care Tasks', the DSP Compensation Survey Codes, Behavior Support Workshops and April Provider Training for Shared Living Providers.

**BEST/GES/NMT Proposals:** We are still seeking member feedback on the Pre-Voc/GES/NMT Proposal. [The attached presentation](#) outlines the various proposals. We are especially interested in the potential impact of eliminating 'community-based' Pre-Voc (Voc Hab) services from the employment service array. Reach out to [Scott](#) with feedback.

**OPRA Professional Networks:** Invites went out for the first round of OPRA's new Professional Networks, focusing on networking opportunities for CEOs and CFOs of member agencies. All member CEOs should have received an invite for both meetings. If you are an agency CEO and did not get an invite yet, please reach out to [Teresa](#).



The graphic features a large image of a modern building at night with a blue tree sculpture in front. Below this is a smaller image of the conference venue with the text 'OPRA SPRING CONFERENCE: A Business Retreat' and 'May 2-3, 2024 • Toledo Glass City Center'. To the right, there are two circular inset images: the top one shows a person at a computer with the word 'LEARN' below it, and the bottom one shows a group of people in a meeting with the word 'NETWORK' below it. A red button at the bottom says 'REGISTER TODAY!'.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Join us for the ultimate business retreat experience at the OPRA Spring Conference! Elevate your professional game with insightful sessions, dynamic exhibitors, and unparalleled networking opportunities.

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## Upcoming Events

5/2-3: OPRA Spring Business Retreat

5/14: OPRA Marketing & Communications Committee

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

## News & Resources

"Feds Finalize New Rules For Medicaid Home And Community-Based Services"

"Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services Final Rule - Fact Sheet"

"Governor DeWine, JobsOhio Announce Completion of JobsOhio Network with Addition of Lake to River Region"





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