

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

MAY 17, 2024

OOD Fee Schedule: Earlier this week, OOD shared an updated version of their fee schedule proposal with vocational rehabilitation providers. This updated draft includes responses to the feedback submitted by stakeholders over the past weeks. [In addition to an updated 'feedback and response' document](#), OOD also shared the draft Fee Schedule itself, which has been 'simplified' to go from the current 73 pages to 45. Changes from the previous incarnation include a now 5.5% 'across the board' increase, as well as clarification on the new Summer Youth Work Experience rate, and an outline of the new 'benchmarked' approach to Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS). The new Pre-ETS will include the following components; COMPONENT 1 - Coordination + Pre-Assessment), COMPONENT 2 - Activities to Achieve Benchmarks and COMPONENT 3 - Post-Assessment + Recommendations. Additionally and interestingly, OOD is also changing the names and classifications of many of their services. CBAs, Work Adjustments and Internship services will all fall under the Community Work Experience (CWE) category, Job Development services will now be called Job Search Assistance and On-the-job-supports will now just be called Job Coaching. [Please review these proposals and the entire revised fee schedule here](#). Feedback on the proposed changes are due to OOD next Friday, May 24th, so please provide any feedback to [Scott](#) as soon as possible.

Families Meeting: Earlier this week, OPRA helped convene a group of family members of people served in our system to discuss their current challenges and how OPRA and our members can best support them. We appreciate those who were a part of this discussion and we look forward to continuing our partnership with families to help improve our system and make it easier/better for them to access and navigate our service system. Please reach out to [Teresa](#) with any questions.

ICF Call: OPRA participated in our ANCOR ICF community of practice call yesterday. OPRA remains concerned about what we are hearing from members in regards to CMS citations for psychiatric medications that are being utilized for another medical diagnosis. This seems to be isolated to Ohio right now as other states have not really reported issues with this. We have continued to discuss this issue on our CMS calls. As we get more information and in particular from CMS, we will make sure to update our members.

Compliance Reviews: On Thursday of this week Scott and Rachel had the opportunity to visit with one of our members as they participated in their compliance review. As a reminder, OPRA encourages its members to fill out our [Compliance and Oversight Tool after any survey](#). Please reach out to the OPRA team for questions regarding compliance.

Community Voc Hab/BEST: OPRA is continuing discussions with DODD in regards to the current proposal to eliminate the 'Community' component of the 'Voc Hab' service once it transitions to Basic Employment Skills Training (BEST) next year. We are set to meet with DODD in the coming weeks to continue advocacy around preserving this small-group, community-based per-vocational service option. If you haven't yet, please review the proposal regarding [Pre-Voc, Group Employment and NMT to Employment service here](#). Please reach out to Scott with feedback on the proposal, especially if you currently provide 'community' Voc Hab services.



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 'payment error rate measurement', the upcoming Innovation Summit, a new link for the GES capacity and SME RFPs, and an upcoming 'crisis services town hall'.

CESP Data Study: OPRA is collecting 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.



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Upcoming Events

5/28: The ABC's of HIPAA Compliance by
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"CDC Publication: Developmental Disability
Basics | Child Development"

"Ohio boosts mental health services for youth in
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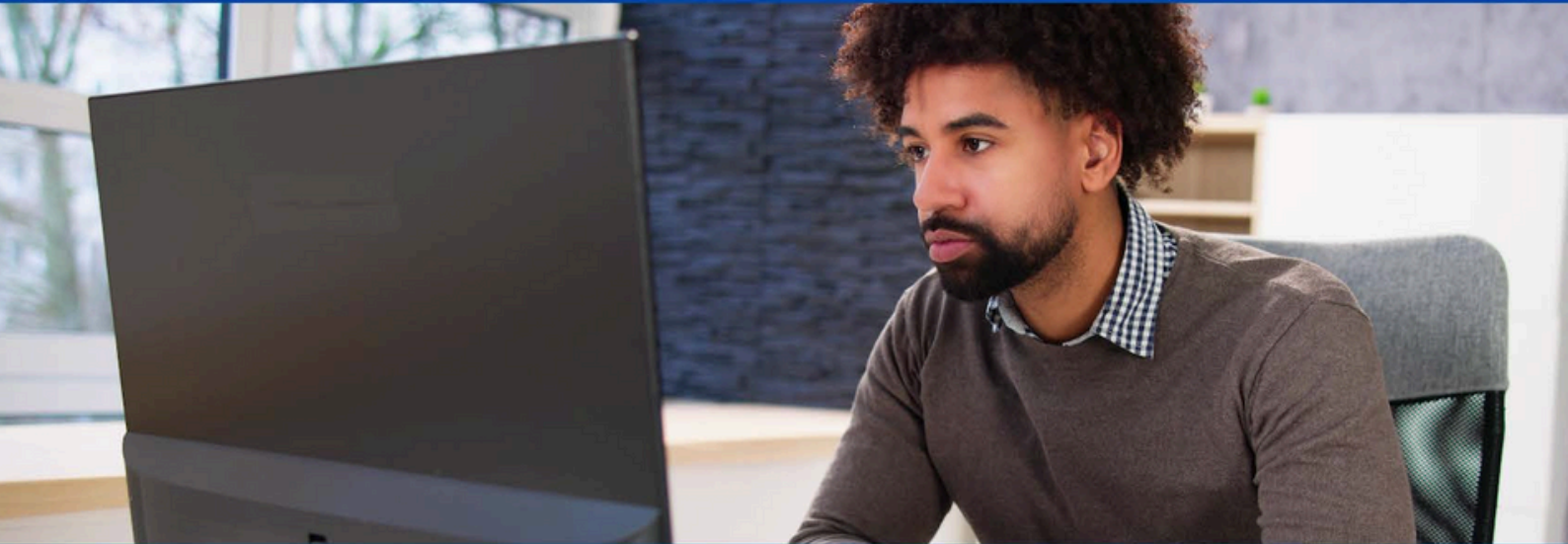
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