

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Assistive Tech in ICFs: This week DODD announced funding available to support/purchase Assistive Tech for people residing in ICFs. Per the announcement; “(ICFs) now have access to funding through a new ICFs and Assistive Tech Fund, to purchase Assistive Technology for the people who live there, based on connections made in the Rapid Response System, or through other consults with Supportive Technology professionals. This funding is specific to the Assistive Technology needs of people who live in ICFs....Please contact technologyfirst@dodd.ohio.gov with any questions”.

Coalition Meeting: Our budget coalition, including OACB, OHCA, VFA, The Arc of Ohio and OWN met virtually this week to continue to develop potential proposals for next year’s state biennium budget, as well as reviewing the latest survey data collected on the impact of this year’s rate increases. The group meets in-person next Monday, with plans to further develop and finalize the proposals.

Committee Updates: This week, OPRA held meetings of the Policy and Day & Employment Services Committees. We’d like to thank all of the members who attended and participated in the discussions.

The Day & Employment Recording and meeting summary can be found [here](#). Additionally, we are seeking a new co-chair for our Day Array Committee. If you are interested in applying to co-chair the committee, or would like more info, please reach out to [Scott](#).

MSY: This week, OPRA participated in a DODD-led meeting on the direction of Multi-System Youth supports and how to expand/improve access to these services. Reach out to [Teresa](#) with questions.

EVV: On Monday (7/1), the Ohio Department of Medicaid announced new phases in their implementation of their Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) program. Starting on October 1st, claim denials for visits with insufficient will be turned on for home health services claims billed through State Plan Fee for Service (FFS). This does NOT apply to DODD services. We anticipate claims denials will eventually be turned on for required DODD services some point in the future but currently do not know when that will be. ODM has promised impacted stakeholders they will be notified at least three months prior to starting claims denials. For more information, please reach out to [Christine](#).



Speaker Proposals: OPRA is currently accepting speaker proposals for this year’s Fall Conference at the Polaris Hilton in Columbus on October 24th & 25th, 2024. This is your chance to hone your speaking skills and share your knowledge to peers and colleagues from all over the state. We invite you to submit your thought-provoking, informative session! [Those interested can learn more and/or submit a proposal here.](#) Please reach out to the OPRA team with any questions about session themes, content, or ideas.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: Click here to read this week's DODD [Memo Monday](#), which includes the ICF Claims submission info, EVV Claims Adjudication Update, the AT in ICFs memo mentioned earlier, IT updates tonight, upcoming provider training series dates, and Leadership Academy opportunities.

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.

Station MD Survey: Our friends at Nisonger are encouraging those of you who have experience with StationMD to participate in a survey. They are trying to increase participation in their study from provider agency or ICF staff who have experience with StationMD (DSPs, nurses, Directors, etc.). Provider agency staff can take a [survey and participate in a focus group by clicking here](#).

Advocacy Army: We are pleased to announce registration for the second iteration of Advocacy Army is now open! The training will keep much of the content from last round with new opportunities for advocacy practice. [You can learn about the changes and register here](#). Pete and Christine will be reviewing the changes after next week's Friday Member Call. Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.



DOO Day: Registration is open for [OPRA's CEO/DOO Training Day](#) on July 30th at The Quest Center in Columbus. This training day will satisfy the 6 hours of required annual training for agency DOOs, including the 2 hours of 'DODD-Provided' content. Presentations include 'Dos and Don'ts for DOOs, Taming the Management Monster, Intro to Just Culture and more! [Learn more and register here](#). Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

Upcoming Events

7/18: Guarded Edge: ABCs of HIPAA Compliance Workshop

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

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"Feds Weighing Changes To Subminimum Wage Program"

"To Protect Landmark Victories for Disability Rights, Fund Community Care"

"Study Warns Against Too Much Autism Intervention"

"One Fair Wage continues to collect signatures to get \$15 minimum wage on next year's ballot"

