

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Policy Summit & Hill Day: The OPRA team was able to join several of our members in Washington DC this week for ANCOR's annual policy event. After a great day of learning from prominent policymakers, we hit the hill for several visits with US legislators and/or their offices. We had the opportunity to meet with the offices of Sens. JD Vance and Sherrod Brown, Reps Jim Jordan, Marcy Kaptur, Joyce Beatty, Robert Latta, Troy Balderson, Shontel Brown, Emilia Sykes, Marcy Kaptur and more! Our teams advocated for a passage of the DSP SOC Code bill, as well as additional resources for Medicaid-funded services.



OOD Fee Schedule: OOD's new fee schedule will be in effect next week on 10/1. [The online training for the new services and rates can be found here.](#) Please contact [Scott](#) with any questions.

Adult Use Cannabis FAQ: We anticipate guidance from Vorys on recreational marijuana and frequently asked questions for providers and employers next week. If you have any questions you would like included, please send them to [Christine](#).

EVV: Christine is interested in hearing from the field about your experience using EVV, particularly if you are using the state system. We have heard various issues since changes implemented in the summer and are trying to get a better grasp on the issues. Please send your thoughts to [Christine](#).

COVID Tests: The federal government is once again providing free COVID-19 tests to households this year. Every US household is eligible for up to 4 tests. The portal to order tests opened this past Thursday. Visit [COVIDTests.gov](#) to have four test kits sent to your home for free. Additionally, there are tests available that are more accessible for people with disabilities (while supplies last). To order the accessible tests, there is a separate page, which can [be found here](#). Tests distributed are also able to detect the dominant variants that are circulating, including the subvariant KP.3.1.1 and KP.3.

Coalition Survey: The DD Budget Coalition is again seeking input from agency providers on how the state's most recent rate increases are impacting services on the ground. The Coalition put together the next edition of our periodic survey to gather information on agency providers' experiences. This survey will remain open until September 30th, 2024. These surveys provide important data that the budget coalition can use to show the efficacy of last budget's rate increases and to continue to advocate for continued support and resources. [You can take the survey by clicking here.](#) Please reach out to [Christine](#) or [Scott](#) with any questions.



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 info on Medicaid Managed Care Open Enrollment, the Medication Administration Responsibilities Webinar, the Outcome Tracking System and more.



NDEAM: October is [National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#). Click on the links to the left to access the library of resources from the Office of Disability Employment Policy, including a new animated video. We look forward to seeing all of your NDEAM celebrations over the coming month! “Each October, during National Disability Employment Awareness Month, or “NDEAM,” we celebrate the value and talent workers with disabilities add to America’s workplaces and economy. NDEAM’s purpose is to confirm our commitment to ensuring disabled workers have access to good jobs, every month of every year. That’s the spirit behind this year’s official theme: “Access to Good Jobs for All.”

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October 23 from 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

No golf experience needed!

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Upcoming Events

10/3: OPRA Day Array Committee

10/9: OPRA Policy Committee

10/23: OPRA Professional Network Meetings
(click to register)

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD
training events

News & Resources

“Registrations top 2,000 for 'communication challenge' registrations at BMV”

“Disability Rights Ohio Files Lawsuit Against the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce”

“Special Olympics’ health chief on championing inclusive care”

“Senators Push Back On Potential Changes To Subminimum Wage Program”

