

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

OCTOBER 11, 2024

**Adult Use Cannabis FAQ:** As mentioned on this morning's call, we received the frequently asked questions document from our partners at Vorys regarding recreational marijuana/adult use cannabis. The FAQs are divided into two basic categories- first with questions regarding to what policies you can implement as employers and then move to questions about what policies you can implement as providers. This is intended to be a "living" document. As you continue to sort through situations involving recreational marijuana, please feel free to send them to us and we will update the document to provide additional guidance. [The FAQ document can be found here](#). Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any additional questions.

**EVV:** Thank you to everyone who shared their recent experience with EVV. We have shared some of the feedback with the Ohio Department of Medicaid and Sandata. Please continue to share concerns and experiences with [Christine](#).

**IES Outcome Payments:** The outcome-based payments associated with both Career Planning and Individual Employment Supports (IES) services have been in effect since 7/1/24. We have continued to hear from members that many of you are having challenges getting these payments authorized for your IES services. If you are still experiencing these challenges, please reach out to [Scott](#), so we can work with our county board partners to ensure these services/payments are added into plans.

**DD Council Survey:** Our friends at the Ohio DD Council have reached out to share their 5-year state plan survey. The feedback in this survey will inform the projects and initiatives the Council will support in 2026 and beyond. [You can access the survey here](#).

**Health Care Committee:** The OPRA Health Care Committee will be meeting next Thursday from 10am-11am on Zoom. If you need the calendar invite and zoom link, please email [Christine](#).

**OPRA Networks:** Don't forget to register for the next round of Professional Networks. Networks are for CEOs, CFOs, Program Managers, and QIDPs. The next network meetings will take place on 10/23 from 12:00 – 1:30 at the Polaris Hilton. Register [here](#). You do NOT have to attend the conference to attend the network meetings. For more information on the networks, please email [Teresa](#).

**Works For Me:** OPRA has recently entered into a partnership with OOD to coordinate and facilitate the 'Provider Subject Matter Expert' and 'Family Mentor' initiatives that are a part of the Works For Me project, which aims to support people to attain competitive integrated employment. OPRA has brought on a contractor, Mark Miller, to help support the project. Reach out to [Scott](#) with questions.

**Northern Lights:** The Northern Lights were visible through swaths of Ohio last night. These images were captured by Rachel in Marysville. We know a number of members also got great photos of the sky, and the Columbus Dispatch wants to see them! [You can share your images with the Dispatch by clicking here!](#)



# 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 Virtual behavior Support Workshops, National Disability Employment Awareness Month Trainings, OISP Gatherings, Assessment Trainings and more.

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

**Settings Rule Training:** DODD's Office of Compliance is offering training for providers on the HCBS Settings Rule on 10/31. Additional information and registration has been posted on DODD's [website](#).

**COVID Tests:** The US government is providing free COVID-19 tests to households this year. Every US household is eligible for 4 tests. Visit [COVID Tests.gov](#) to register. Additionally, there are tests available that are more accessible for people with disabilities (while supplies last). To order the accessible tests, please click [here](#). Tests distributed are able to detect the dominant variants that are circulating, including the subvariant KP.3.1.1 and KP.3.



**NDEAM:** October is [National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#).

The links to take you to a 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."

## Upcoming Events

10/16: HIPAA Workshop-Building Security Checkpoints (Click to Register)

10/17: OPRA Health Care Committee

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

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

## News & Resources

"Here's how to help victims of Hurricane Milton"

"VOICES: Congress must act to permanently protect additional savings for employed individuals with disabilities"

"HHS seeks comments on new Healthy People 2030 objectives"

"Monday is the last day for Ohioans to register to vote in the general election"





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