

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Legislative Updates: This week saw Ohio's legislature hold hearings on 3 bills of interest to OPRA and its members;

HB 676- Pediatric Prescribed Extended Care (PPEC)- On Tuesday, the House Families and Aging Committee hosted the first hearing for the bill that would create PPECs. The hearing only included testimony from the sponsors, Reps. Baker and Abrams. The committee has scheduled another hearing for next Tuesday at 11am for interested parties, opponent, and proponents of the bill. If you would like to testify, please reach out to Christine for additional information.

Watch the hearing here. **Read Sponsor testimony here.** **Read the LSC analysis here.**

SB 296- STABLE Accounts- On Tuesday, the Senate Medicaid Committee held the first hearing for SB 296, which would exempt STABLE accounts from Medicaid estate recovery. The hearing only included sponsor testimony (Sen. Brenner). A second hearing has not been scheduled.

Watch the hearing here. **Read Sponsor testimony here.** **Read the LSC Analysis here.**

HB 236- Never Alone Act- On Wednesday, the Senate Health Committee held a hearing for proponents on the Never Alone Act. OPRA has been involved in a number of recent conversations on possible additional amendments to the bill, but do not know if any of the amendments will be accepted by the sponsors or the Committee.

Watch the hearing here. **Read the Proponent's testimony here.** **LSC Analysis and Bill Text.**

ANCOR ICF Call: Discussion in this week's national call centered around CMS considering updates to the ICF/IID regulations, emphasizing modernization and enhanced access to care. They have already flagged areas to make changes including tags W312, W180, W327, and W262. Additionally, they are open to hearing about any other parts of the regulations that may need a refresh to meet the needs of today's population and improve the quality of care. If you have any feedback regarding CMS ICF regulation, please reach out to [Rachel](#).

HR Committee: Thank you to everyone who joined the HR Committee! The Committee focused on a recent ruling on the Department of Labor's Overtime Exemption regulation that was published last Friday. For those of you unable to attend or would like to review the meeting, [you can watch the meeting's recording here.](#) (password 3w?KDnm4). [The presentation can be found here.](#)

Employment First: This week, the Employment First Taskforce met for the first time since 2017. The purpose of this group is to provide direction and guidance to the EF Advisory Committee, a multi-departmental group that steers employment service policy. The meeting recapped the past decade of employment developments and began focusing on future guidance the the committee.



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](#), including a Claims Submission Deadline and Payment for the Week of Thanksgiving, the Southern Behavior Support Workshop: Prader Willi Syndrome and Resiliency Programming, and OhioISP Gatherings.

Member Meeting: OPRA will be holding its annual Member Meeting on Tuesday December 10th from 9am-10am. The meeting will focus on OPRA's upcoming strategic plan as well as a breakdown of the proposed changes to the MUI rule. Provider members should have received an invite from Sonya.

Adult Use Cannabis FAQ: These 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.

Title: Risk Assessment Basics

Date: December 11, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm EST

Fee: \$100

Virtual

About the event

- Likely causes of HIPAA breaches
- How to recognize high risks in your midst
- Best practices for preventing breaches

Complimentary Resource

- Risk Assessment Task List

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Risk Assessment Basics

Learn the most common causes of HIPAA breaches, and how to reduce high risks to the best of your ability. This course will focus on actual breaches in the long-term sector, why they happened, and how they might have been prevented. Some breaches will occur despite the best of security efforts.

Upcoming Events

11/28: Happy Thanksgiving!

12/5: OPRA Day Array Committee Meeting

12/11: Risk Assessment Basics Training

[Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events](#)

News & Resources

"GOP state representatives tap Senate president for Ohio House speaker"

"Trump picks Dr. Oz to lead massive Medicare and Medicaid agency CMS"

"Illinois bill eliminating subminimum wage for workers with disabilities heads to Gov. Pritzker"

"Federal Court Vacates Department of Labor Overtime Exemption Rule"

