

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

APRIL 25, 2025

State Budget: The Senate Medicaid Committee is scheduled to host testimony from the various state Directors over Medicaid services (JMOC, ODM, OOD, and DODD). After the Directors' testimony, the DD Budget Coalition will testify. We anticipate the panel will present at 2pm but may be delayed if the Director's testimony goes long. No other public testimony will be accepted this hearing. Public testimony, written and verbal, will be heard in the Committee on May 6th and 13th. More information on how to participate in the hearing is forthcoming from Christine. [You can livestream next week's hearing here.](#)

HB 141 (PPEC)- The House Health Committee will host a hearing on HB 141, a bill to create pediatric extended care centers, on Wednesday April 30th, at 10am. The Committee is expected to adopt an amendment to the proposed bill language after sponsor testimony. We believe there will be opportunity to provide public testimony over the next few weeks. We anticipate the bill will move quickly through committee and to the House floor for a vote. [You can read the bill text and LSC analysis here.](#) You should be able to watch the [livestream of the hearing here.](#)

EVV: The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is hosting an EVV Stakeholder meeting next Monday from 2:30pm to 4pm. [You can register for listen-only access here.](#) Additionally, DODD and ODM will be convening a few small group discussions on developing strategies to best help DODD providers prepare for claims denials to be turned on in October. As preparation for this meeting, OPRA is looking for feedback from the Membership on their EVV experience. We will be scheduling a call open to all members to share their EVV concerns within the next few weeks. You can also send any EVV thoughts, concerns, and questions to [Christine](#) in the meantime.

Budget Reconciliation: Congress is back in session next week and relevant committees will take up it's work on the Budget Reconciliation bill, which includes the direction to make significant reductions to the Medicaid program. The expected 'markup' is likely due on May 7th. Our partners at ANCOR have set up [this Votervoice page to help send an immediate message](#) to your Senators and Representatives about the importance of Medicaid in disability services.

CEO Network: Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in this week's CEO/DOO Network meeting. The meeting was focused on the Gallup Workplace Engagement survey and strategies to enhance employee engagement. OPRA will develop some additional resources based on the discussion.



2025 OPRA PAC Golf Outing

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Registration begins: 9 a.m.

Shotgun start: 10 a.m.

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For questions or to register, contact Melissa Fannon, OPRA Director of Events, at mfannon@opra.org



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 info on the issues with 'place on the path' in the OISP, certification end dates, DODD's 2025 Innovation Series, the I Am Boundless regional tech hub, and a DSP info session on changes to the MUI rule.

Medicaid Resource Center: We wanted to provide the links again to [ANCOR's Medicaid Resource Center](#). Here you will find social media toolkits, the ANCOR Amplifier, FAQs and other educational resources, expert analyses and many other resources to aid in your education and advocacy. We encourage members to continue to advocate on the importance of Medicaid to your services and in the lives of the people you support. Please reach out to the OPRA team if you have any questions or need any assistance in contacting your members of congress.



Congratulations to Izzy Witt of Angeline Industries for being awarded the 2025 Impact Award by the Seneca Opportunity Center. Izzy was recognized for her "true spirit of compassionate care, going above and beyond her role to ensure the individuals she supports not only receive the assistance they need, but also feel valued accepted and empowered." She is also the youngest ever recipient of the award. Congratulations, Izzy!

Upcoming Events

5/1: OPRA Day & Employment Services Committees meeting

5/7: Mastering Team Leadership Webinar Training - Session 2

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

News & Resources

"A dozen House Republicans fire warning shot to Mike Johnson"

"Ohio agency seeks to help people with disabilities find jobs"

"Senator Hassan Helps Reintroduce Bill to Support Children with Disabilities"

"CMS may soon propose Medicaid provider tax regulation"



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