

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

MAY 9, 2025

HB 96 (State Operating Budget): The Senate Medicaid Committee held its second hearing on HB 96 on Tuesday. The hearing was open to the public and the Committee accepted testimony on all parts of the budget related to Medicaid and OOD. [You can watch a recording of the testimony here.](#) You can read all of the in-person and [written testimony here.](#) Thank you to the OPRA members submitted written testimony for this hearing! The Senate Medicaid Committee will be hosting the third and final hearing on HB 96 next Thursday (May 15) at 9am. Christine sent out information on how to participate in the hearing and provided draft testimony templates. If you would like this resent or would otherwise like help getting testimony submitted, please reach out to [Christine](#).

Blueprint Proposals: Earlier this week, DODD shared the two new rule drafts for Basic Employment Skills Training (BEST) and Group Employment Supports (GES). The two new rule drafts attempt to address several of the concerns from the previous proposal, although still raises some questions, some of which we have already posed to DODD. We appreciate the updated attempt from DODD, who is seeking our feedback by May 23rd. [To download the rule drafts and read OPRA's initial synopsis, click here.](#) Please reach out to [Scott](#) with questions or feedback.

OPRA EVV Discussion: Thank you to everyone who joined our EVV Town Hall. Christine shared the recording of the meeting and a revised slide deck through the main OPRA Member listserve. If you did not receive the email and would like to review the materials, please reach out to [Christine](#).

SB 35 (Supported Decision Making): The Senate Judiciary Committee held the third public hearing for SB 35, a bill to codify supported decision making. OPRA previously submitted testimony in support of the bill. You can watch a [recording of the hearing here.](#) You can read the bill language, LSC analysis, and [submitted testimony here.](#)

HB 141 (PPEC): This week the House Health Committee held the second public testimony for HB 141, which creates pediatric prescribed extended care centers. OPRA submitted testimony in support of the bill. You can watch a [recording of the hearing here.](#) You can read the bill language, LSC analysis, OPRA's testimony, and [other submitted testimony here.](#)

HB 225 (eliminate sub-min wage): The House Commerce and Labor Committee held the first hearing on HB 225, a bill to eliminate the payment of sub-minimum wages for people with developmental disabilities. The hearing was testimony from only the two sponsors, Reps. Jarrells and Young. You can watch a [recording of the hearing here.](#) You can read the bill's language, LSC analysis, and [the sponsor's testimony here.](#) The Commerce and Labor Committee will be having another hearing for HB 225 next Wednesday at 11am. The hearing will be for proponent testimony only. Please reach out to [Christine](#) if you are interested in participating in the hearing.

HR Committee- The OPRA HR Committee will be having our next meeting on Thursday, May 15th from 10-noon. Bob Harris, a partner at Vorys, will be joining to review what HR professionals need to know about hiring immigrants, recent changes in immigration policy, and how changing policy is impacting immigration enforcement. Christine sent out a calendar invite with the zoom link for the meeting this week.



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 delayed Extended Travel rule, the 'Supporting a Vision for Employment eLearning Course', new Job Development and Customized Employment Training, and the 2025 Innovation Summit.

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.

GREAT PROVIDER SUMMIT

May 28-30, 2025

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE 2025 OPRA GREAT PROVIDER SUMMIT SESSION DETAILS](#)

[Click Here to Register](#)



2025 OPRA PAC Golf Outing

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Friday
**JUNE
6**

Registration begins: 9 a.m.

Shotgun start: 10 a.m.

Urbana Country Club: 4761 US-36, Urbana, OH

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



Upcoming Events

5/12: OPRA CFO/Business Manager Network
Lunch and Learn Series

5/15: OPRA HR Committee Meeting

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

News & Resources

“House GOP drops some Medicaid cuts from
reconciliation plan”

“Disabled workers have faced prejudice. Now
they face DOGE firings”

“Medicaid Funding Reduction Suggested by
Mehmet Oz”

“NIH and CMS to Study Autism Using Medicare
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SESSIONS



Respond by
May 31st!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE WITH IDD IN OHIO!

PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

TO ADVANCE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH IDD IN OHIO!

With support from the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, The National Leadership Consortium is leading a study to learn about the experiences of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are particularly interested in hearing from LGBTQ+ adults with IDD!

If you are:

- An adult (18+) with IDD in Ohio
- An LGBTQ+ adult with IDD in Ohio
- The family member of an LGBTQ+ adult with IDD in Ohio
- DSP working closely with an LGBTQ+ adult with IDD in Ohio

Please visit this link to take the survey:

<https://bit.ly/OhioLGBTQIDDStudy>



We want to talk more with LGBTQ+ adults with IDD and/or their family members about their experiences!

Participate in an interview or a focus group with us in April-June 2025 and receive a \$15 Amazon eGift Card for an interview or a chance to win one of five \$25 Amazon eGift Cards for participating in a focus group.

Please visit this link to see if you qualify: <https://bit.ly/41sW8wd>

