

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JULY 11, 2025



HB 96 (State Operating Budget): On the evening of June 30th, Governor DeWine signed HB 96 into law and issued an astonishing 67 line-item vetoes. You can read all of Governor DeWine's veto messages [here](#). A few vetoes are of note;

EVV- As OPRA predicted, Governor DeWine vetoed the language added by Conference Committee that would delay claim denials based on an insufficient number of EVV units.

ICF Personal Needs Allowance- Governor DeWine also vetoed Conference Committee language that used the House-passed

language regarding an increased personal needs allowance for residents of ICFs. Despite the veto, it appears that the increase will still take place after ODM initiates the formal rule making process in the near future. This means there will still likely be an increase to the personal needs allowance to \$75/individual and \$150/married couple at a future date.

Property Tax: County Budget Commission Authority & Procedure- This provision was added late in the Senate process and concerned many of our county board partners. It would have added an unnecessary administrative layer to the levy process.

Property Tax: School District Property Tax Levy Restrictions- This provision would have eliminated a county board's ability to issue a replacement levy and concerned many of our county board partners.

As a reminder, the General Assembly still holds the authority, with sufficient votes, to override any of the vetoes issued last night, and speaker Huffman has indicated the house may plan to do so.

OPRA will be [holding a member call](#) next Thursday, July 17th to discuss in-depth both the state budget bill, as well as the recently passed 'One Big, Beautiful Bill Act' and their potential impacts on disability services.

Capital Rule Comments: OPRA submitted comments on the proposed amendments to Ohio Administrative Code 5123-1-03, urging the Department to reduce administrative barriers and align the rule more closely with state law. We recommended allowing private nonprofit organizations to apply directly for community capital assistance funds, consistent with ORC 5126.45. We also raised concerns about restrictive nonprofit definitions, unnecessary intermediation, and potential conflicts of interest that limit individual choice. These changes would help expand access to affordable, community-based housing for Ohioans with developmental disabilities. Please reach out to [Teresa](#) with any questions.

DOL 14c Withdrawal: In early July the US Department of Labor [withdrew the proposed rule](#) that would phase out 14c certificates over the next 3 years. Following a recommendation from the US House Committee on Education & Workforce earlier this year, the DOL stated that "With this action, the Department is formally discontinuing the rulemaking process and removing the proposal from further consideration."

GES/BEST: Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's discussion and completed the short survey regarding the Group Employment and Basic Employment Skills Training proposals. The survey resulted in a basically 50/50 split between members who support the proposal to those who have concerns that outweigh the positives of the proposal. We will continue to work with DODD and system partners to advocate on the most important concerns related to the draft rules as we get a better sense of the timing of their release for public comments. You can review the [draft rule proposals 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](#), including the new MUI rule resources now available, info on the federal Access Rule, behavior workshops, OISP gatherings and a new video from Dr Laura Sorg on healthy summer eating.



Call for Speakers: OPRA is proud to announce "The Call for Session Proposals" is officially open for the 2025 OPRA Annual Conference. The conference will be held in-person and hosted at Hilton Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive, Columbus OH on October 23-24, 2025. To learn more and submit a proposal, [complete the form here!](#)



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SUMMER SERIES
June 24, 2025
July 16, 2025
August 19, 2025

More Information & Registration at:
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Upcoming Events

7/15: OPRA CEO/DOO Training Day

7/16: Lead Where You Are: A Summer Series for Women with Betty Collins - Part 2

7/17: OPRA State Budget & OBBBA (One Big Beautiful Bill Act) Update Call

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

News & Resources

“Ohio House to consider overriding DeWine's vetoes on property tax reforms”

“Medicaid work requirements, rural hospitals: What 'big beautiful bill' means for Ohio”

“Administration Squashes Plan To End Subminimum Wage Employment”

“Lawmakers Introduce Bill to Expand Autism Family Support Through Caregiver Training”

