

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

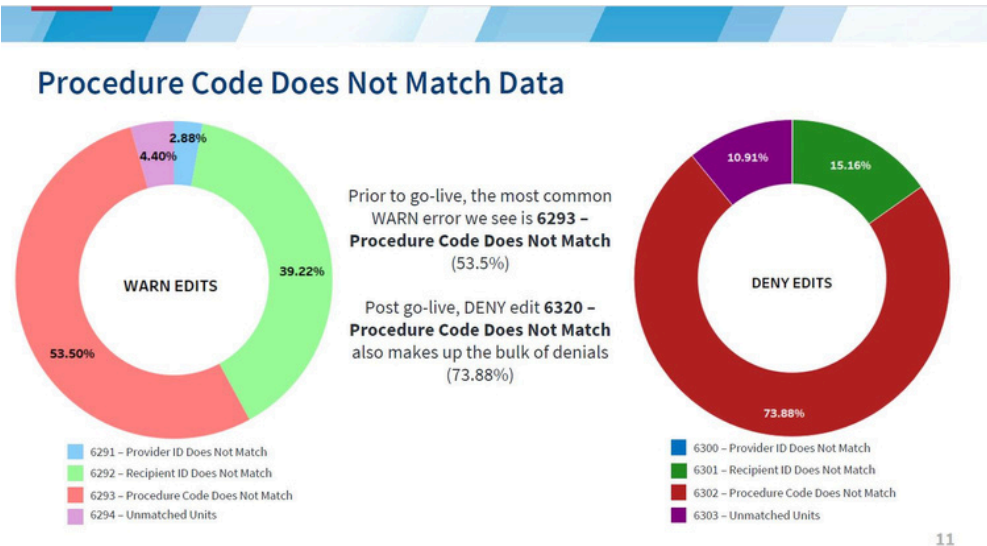
AUGUST 1, 2025



Award Nominations: This is a friendly reminder to submit your award nominations for the OPRA Annual Fall Awards! The Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris on Friday, October 24th. The OPRA awards represent more than just trophies or titles - they are symbols of the hard work, innovation, and a relentless pursuit of excellence to make a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities. [Submit your nominations HERE](#) - Or, you can email your nomination(s) with the required information directly to [Sonya](#). Award Nominations must be submitted no later than Monday, August 18th. We look forward to receiving and reviewing your nominations!

EVV Denials Reminder: DODD claims denials based on insufficient EVV units are scheduled to begin on October 1, 2025. Providers now only have two months remaining to get compliant or risk the financial impact of EVV-based denials. If you have any questions about EVV, please reach out to [Christine](#).

ODM EVV Stakeholder Meeting: On Monday, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) held the monthly Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) stakeholder meeting. You can review the slides from the meeting [here](#). During the meeting, ODM shared the below slide with data on claims denials for the first few phases.



Of all of the EVV-based claim denials, almost 74% of the denials resulted from the wrong procedure code. This means direct care workers checked in under a service code that was different than the service they billed for. With this in mind, providers should make sure staff are careful they select the right service when logging their EVV units.



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 Keeping Families Together Funding Applications, New Employment Planning Resources, the July DSP Information Session - "Empowering People to Envision Their Good Life", and more.



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!](#)



More Information & Registration at:
bit.ly/OPRASS25



Upcoming Events

8/6: [OPRA District 7 Meeting](#)

8/7: [OPRA Day Array Committee](#)

8/11: [OPRA CFO/Business Manager Network Lunch and Learn Series](#)

8/19: [OPRA's Summer Leadership Series](#)

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

News & Resources

"Senate appropriators pass \$116.6B HHS funding bill"

"How hiring individuals with intellectual disabilities mutually benefits hotels, employees"

"NOD Endorses Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act"

"Ohio bill would create 911 disability database to aid first responders"

