

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Waiver Resources: DODD recently released resources regarding their Waiver Modernization work and their planned transition from the DDP and AAI assessments to the InterRAI tool. [The video linked](#) to the left features several DODD representatives talking about the reasons for, timelines and intended outcomes of the transition to the new assessment tool. DODD has also updated [the Waiver Modernization website](#) and will be hosting a series of town hall webinars to share information and answer questions about the transition. Register for one of the upcoming webinars below:

For people served and their families: [August 25 at noon](#) or [August 25 at 6 PM](#)

For providers: [August 27 at 11 AM](#)

For county boards and service and support administrators: [September 2 at noon](#)

RSS & AT Rules: DODD has released draft Assistive Technology and Remote Supports rules. You can [read them here](#) and provide feedback to [Scott](#) or [Teresa](#). We will be discussing the draft rules with members and partners ahead off the comment deadline of 8/28

ADS Quality: Over the next month, providers from DODD's ADS quality pilot will be opening their doors to share their experiences and lessons learned from the initiative. We are proud to see so many OPRA providers building and sharing promising practices. There are upcoming 'at-a-glance' events with Wynn Reeth, REM Ohio, Active Day, Dungarvin, Matco, Lifebuilders, and Abilities in Action, following this week's event at Siffrin. Links/dates for the events are in [Memo Monday](#).

Committees: We will be holding meetings of the [Residential Resources Committee](#) on August 20th and the [Healthcare Committee](#) August 21st. Check the [OPRA calendar](#) for meeting information!

EVV Denials Reminder: DODD claims denials based on insufficient EVV units are scheduled to begin on October 1, 2025. Providers now have less than two months remaining to get compliant or risk the financial impact of EVV-based denials. You can visit the [Ohio Department of Medicaid EVV website](#) for resources and tools. For immediate help, contact the EVV Provider Hotline at 855-805-3505. Additionally, DODD will be holding a DSP Information Session on understanding EVV claims validation requirements on Monday, August 25th at 10am. Per Memo Monday, "You are invited to join DODD to learn what this change means for you. DODD staff and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) will explain what's happening and how it might affect you. They will also share helpful tools and information to make the change easier for providers." You can [register for that session here](#). If you have any questions about EVV, please reach out to [Christine](#).



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 new universal changing tables at rest stops in Belmont and Washington counties, EVV reminders, the MDA call center survey, and the ADS Quality 'at a glance' sessions.



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!



Join us October 23–24, 2025, at the Hilton Polaris in Columbus, Ohio for our premier annual event bringing together providers, leaders, and innovators from across the state. Whether you're looking to expand your brand visibility, connect with Ohio's provider community, or support the work of disability service professionals, we have a sponsorship opportunity to fit your goals.

Explore opportunities including:

- Keynote & Headshot Sponsorships
- Casino Night & Relaxation Lounge
- Gold, Silver, and Bronze Levels
- Breakfast, Lunch, Awards Sponsorships

[Register to Exhibit/Sponsor](#)

Upcoming Events

[8/20: OPRA Residential Resources Committee](#)

[8/21: OPRA Healthcare Committee](#)

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

News & Resources

“Working group continues discussions on Ohio property tax reform as deadline looms”

“CMS Administrator Dr. Oz on the future of Medicare and Medicaid”

“Ohio Senate Democrats introduce bill to raise minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2029”

“Disability Programs In Limbo As Congress Weighs Funding”

