

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

AUGUST 22, 2025

EVV: Ahead of the October 1st 'denials date', DODD recently shared that providers currently have a 36.8% match rate for their EVV required claims. We are very concerned about this statistic. DODD shared with us that they believe the low match rate is in part due to mismatched Medicaid ID numbers, DODD contracts, and Sandata account number. DODD will be sending out additional guidance on how to research this issue and how to resolve it. Additionally, The Ohio Department of Medicaid will be hosting their monthly EVV Stakeholder Workgroup on Monday from 2:30pm-4pm. This meeting will focus on how to succeed with EVV and representatives from Sandata will be conducting the training. [Click here to register for the stakeholder workgroup meeting](#). For assistance on EVV, please reach out to [Christine](#).

RSS Rules: DODD is seeking comments on proposed changes to the Remote Supports and Assistive Technology rules. We have several questions and concerns about these drafts we will submit before the deadline of August 28th. [Review the rules here](#) and provide feedback to [Teresa](#) or [Scott](#).

RFPs: In this week's Memo Monday, DODD shared several new RFPs that may be of interest to members including proposals for Employment First resources, Self-employment Supports, Tech Hub Expansion and Innovative Technology Solutions. The applications are due throughout September as early as the 11th. [Click here for the Memo Monday](#) that includes the RFP links.

Employment First: This week, we attended the first DODD [Employment First Taskforce Advisory Committee](#) of the year. The group reviewed updates on the most recent OTS data as well as the last several months of EF activity and worked to review and prioritize the 8 initiatives developed in prior meetings. Feel free to reach out to [Scott](#) with questions.

Committees: This week, OPRA's Residential Resources Committee met for a productive discussion on both waiver and ICF priorities. On the waiver side, members engaged in conversation around MAIS updates, policy considerations, and ongoing referral/portal challenges. We also focused on how compliance can best support providers moving forward. For ICF providers, we received an update from the reimbursement group and dug into a policy discussion. We shared a recap of our first QIDP Peer Learning Session and announce our upcoming second session. The group also reviewed QCOR data from the first half of 2025. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) with any questions. Also, Thank you to everyone who joined the Health Care Committee. We hope you found the presentation from Dexcom helpful. If you missed the meeting or would like to review the recording from the meeting, please reach out to [Christine](#).

Q Event: OPRA's next QIDP Peer Learning Initiative is scheduled for Thursday September 25th from 9am – 4pm at CRSI in Urbana. We will be focusing on Person-Centered Planning and Advocacy as well as Compliance and Documentation. Registration will be going live next week. We hope to see you there.



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 a number of important EVV updates and reminders, the upcoming InterRAI virtual town halls, new Employment and Tech RFPs, and a number of other updates.



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 Friday, August 29th. 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

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Upcoming Events

9/4: OPRA Day & Employment Services Committees Meeting

9/9: OPRA Marketing & Communications Committee Meeting

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

News & Resources

“Policy Brief: The HCBS Quality Measure Set: An Introduction”

“Meet Miss Wheelchair Ohio, an advocate for dancers with disabilities”

“Future of the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Market: Strategic Analysis and Forecast to 2034”

“CMS Launches Nationwide Push to Remove Ineligible Medicaid Enrollees, Uphold Citizenship Requirements”





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Complimentary CE Webinar Invitation



Wed. September 10th, 2025

11am ET | 10am CT | 9am MT | 8am PT

Pain Puzzles: Navigating Relief in IDD and Behavioral Health Settings

(1.0 CEU for Nursing and QIDPs)

PRESENTER:

NANETTE WROBEL, RPH

Director of National Growth and Education
Tarrytown Expocare Pharmacy

Nanette, a pharmacist with a lifetime of IDD experience, specializes in clinical health and medication education for healthcare professionals who support individuals with IDD.



OUTCOMES:

The nurses' scope of practice will be enhanced by distinguishing different sources and types of pain and becoming familiar with different treatment options for pain especially for the individual with IDD.



Scan or Click to RSVP

For more information contact:
education@tarrytownexpocare.com

This planned learning activity is pending approval by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Ohio Board of Nursing Approver Unit for Nursing Continuing Education (#OBN-010-93)



Caring for the Whole Person: Interdisciplinary Approaches To IDD & Mental Health



September 17th, 2025

9:00am to 4:00pm (registration begins at 8:15am)

Dwell Community Church
1394 Community Park Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Featured Speaker:

Dr. Laura Sorg, MD, FAAFP Medical Director, DODD
ViaQuest Team led by Ann Nash, MA, LPCC-S Vice President of Behavioral Health,
ViaQuest Psychiatric & Behavioral Solutions

and

Dr. Julie Gentile, M.D., M.B.A. Professor and Chair at Wright State University Department of Psychiatry
will discuss:

Polypharmacy and Aggression in IDD, Assessments and Best Practices for
Medication Management and Patient Education

6. OBN CE's pending approval
by the OBN approval unit of DODD OBN-010-93
6. DODD IA, SSA, and Superintendent hours pending

For Questions regarding CE status call: 513-785-4678 or email kltallon@butleridd.org
You must attend the entire conference and complete an evaluation to receive CE's and Contact hours

Registration Fee: \$75.00 - Continental Breakfast and Boxed Lunch included

Register online at: HAC Spring Conference Registration

<http://reg.planetReg.com/E730121430239166>

For registration problems, please call 937-631-7704

**Registration is from August 6th 2025 to September 10th 2025 at Midnight
No cancellations will be accepted after September 10th 2025**

The temperature of the building may vary at times so please dress accordingly for your comfort.

The Healthcare Advisory Committee reserves the right to cancel this event. Registration fees
will be refunded if canceled. Personal cancellations will be refunded minus \$10 due to committee costs