

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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EVV: The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) hosted their monthly EVV stakeholder meeting on Monday. During the meeting, ODM shared information on the different visit status, claims error messages, and how to find Sandata account information. [You can review the slides here.](#)

Claims denials based on EVV information in required DODD services is set to begin for services delivered on and after October 1st. DODD reported that the last billing cycle was at 48.6% which means more than half of claims would be denied based on EVV information.

If you have any additional EVV questions, please reach out to [Christine](#).

Shutdown: For the past few weeks, [Congress has been negotiating funding](#) for the federal government. Currently, there are no solid plans about legislation to fund the federal government. This legislation must be passed by Congress and signed by President Trump by October 1st or the federal government will shut down. As a reminder, Medicaid is mandatory spending so there should not be an disruption in reimbursement to state in the near future if the federal government does shut down. However, other work done by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services may be paused until funding is reallocated. You can reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

Q Network: On Thursday, OPRA held Session 2 of the QIDP Peer Learning Initiative with resounding success. The focus of this session was on Person-Centered Planning and Advocacy as well as Compliance and Documentation. We were very fortunate to have Becky Sharp from Open Door present on Achieving Compliance Together, offering valuable insights and practical strategies for QIDPs and Compliance Managers. A special thank-you to Becky for her willingness to share her experience and resources, as well as Scott DeLong from CRSI for generously providing the event space — your support helped make the day possible! We will have more information soon regarding upcoming sessions in this series.

AI Guidance: Following several discussions on the topic, [this week OOD reissued its guidance](#) on the use of Artificial Intelligence in providing VR services. The guidance specifically prohibits the use of chatbots in meetings and ensuring HIPAA and CPI compliance when using AI software.

Autism Resources: In response to [this week's press conference on Autism](#), its causes and treatments, several medical organizations released statements/information to help people understand, navigate and make decisions about their health and healthcare. [Several of those resources are compiled here.](#)



We were honored to be a part of [SAW's](#) Employee Award event, recognizing the participants and professionals that make the SAW community so special. Thanks for having us and congratulations on an incredible event!



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 EVV reminders, MSS updates, Info on the data warehouse transition to Tableau from Cognos, Grant Management user guides, and a number of upcoming trainings.

Covid Guidance: This past Friday, the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted unanimously to recommend limiting the COVID vaccine to people 65 and older or those who have underlying health/medical conditions. Those individuals under 65 with no underlying medical condition will need to consult their physician to weigh the risks and benefits of the vaccine. The CDC's list of High-Risk Underlying Conditions page provides a list of those diagnoses for individuals with disabilities that it defines as being 'high-risk'. However, it is important to note that this list is not all encompassing. Should you have any questions, please reach out to [Rachel](#).

District Meeting: OPRA's District 3 meeting was held earlier this week at RHDD. Thank you to Lisa Reed and her crew for hosting the meeting. Additionally, thank you to Lisa, Tim Neville and Mary Thompson-Hufford – OPRA's District 3 board representatives for organizing this meeting.



Registration is now open for the OPRA 2025 Annual Conference, Ohio's premier event for I/DD providers, leaders, and partners! Join us October 23–24 at the Hilton Polaris for inspiring keynotes, breakout sessions, networking, the OPRA Party, and the Annual Awards & Luncheon—all for \$355 per person. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with colleagues, discover new solutions, and shape the future of Ohio's provider community....and there will be puppies.

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Upcoming Events

10/2: OPRA Day Array Committee

10/15: OPRA Residential Resources Committee

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

News & Resources

“Cleveland to host 2030 Special Olympics USA”

“Gov. DeWine announces Ohio selected for federal pilot program on jobs”

“Administration axes Ohio plan to keep more kids on Medicaid”

“5 Key Facts About Medicaid Coverage for People With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)”





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