

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

OCTOBER 3, 2025

EVV: The time is here, Claims denials based on EVV information in required DODD services is set to began for services delivered on and after October 1st. [This month's edition of the Great Provider Series](#) features several EVV resources and contact numbers for different provider supports. If you have any additional EVV questions, please reach out to [Christine](#).

Shutdown: The federal government, entered its 3rd day of shutdown today after [Congress failed to negotiate a funding](#) deal to keep the government open. As a reminder, Medicaid is mandatory spending so there should not be a disruption in reimbursement to the state or providers in the near future as long as a deal can be worked out to reopen in the near future. 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.

Property Tax: In response to increased property taxes throughout the state, earlier this year Governor DeWine created a working group to make recommendations for how Ohio could control and lessen the burden of those taxes. The group, chaired by Bill Seitz and Pat Tiberi, released their report this week, which outlines 20 different steps the state could make to reduce and control property taxes. Since property taxes levied by county boards of DD are an integral funding source for disability services in the state, these could be important policy recommendations, especially ahead of any other future legislation or referendum regarding property taxes. [You can read the full report here.](#)

Settings Reviews: We have heard from members that they have been contacted by the Ohio Dept of Medicaid who are scheduling 'Integrated Settings' reviews for residential and day services. these reviews are part of Ohio's transition plan to CMS for compliance with 2014's Settings rule. You can review [this webinar by ODM](#) on integrated settings and/or [review this powerpoint](#). If you have been contacted by ODM for one of these reviews, feel free to contact the OPRA team and let us know.

SB 142: This week, Ohio's Senate Workforce Development committee heard sponsor testimony on SB 142, the Senate's version of the 14c phaseout bill. Unlike the house version of the bill, SB142 is not bipartisan and testimony was provided by the sponsor, Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson of Toledo. There were a few questions from Senators Ingram and Lang. [You can watch the hearing here.](#)

How will you Access Ohio in 2050?

Join us at one of the following workshops or open houses to give feedback on proposed strategies for Access Ohio 2050, the state's long-range transportation plan. Find out how the transportation system in your area performs in terms of safety, congestion, and road and bridge conditions.

1:00 - 3:00 PM - Stakeholder Workshop (Click on the meeting to register)
4:00 - 5:30 PM - Public Open House (No registration required)

20 Mid Ohio Education Service Center 1000 W. Main St., Columbus, OH 43215	20 Youngstown Main Library 1000 W. Main St., Youngstown, OH 44503
30 Canalville Wellness Center 1000 W. Main St., Canalville, OH 43021	21 Akron Summit County Public Library 1000 W. Main St., Akron, OH 44302
1 Mid Ohio Educational Services 1000 W. Main St., Columbus, OH 43215	22 St. C. Jerry Jay Theatres Center 1000 W. Main St., Columbus, OH 43215
10 Toledo Public Library 1000 W. Main St., Toledo, OH 43604	28 Marietta College, The Gathering Place 1000 W. Main St., Marietta, OH 45750
6 Lima Public Library 1000 W. Main St., Lima, OH 45804	29 Ohio University, Southern Campus 1000 W. Main St., Athens, OH 45706
8 Steuben REACTORS 1000 W. Main St., Steubenville, OH 44224	30 Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) 1000 W. Main St., Cincinnati, OH 45202

ODOT: This week's Memo Monday also featured registration for a series of stakeholder workshops put on by the Ohio Department of Transportation seeking community feedback on their plan for Access Ohio 2050, the state's "long-range transportation plan."



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 and resources, the online cost report tool, an RFP for Enhancing Family Leadership and Supporting System Navigation, new DODD website features and more!



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.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Regional Training Series People Skills for People Professionals



A day of interactive learning, trivia and fun for human service professionals and supervisors.

Topics include;

- Team-building
- Conflict Resolution
- Empathetic Communication
- Value-based Leadership
- Person-centered and Trauma-informed Thinking

PRESENTER: Scott Marks, MSW
Vice President, OPRA

Scott Marks, Vice President of the Ohio Provider Resource Association, brings years of experience in training and teaching, with a strong focus on person-centered frameworks and professional development that helps leaders and teams thrive.



10/29: District 4- Manahan (Toledo)
10/30: District 6 - Delaware Library
11/4: District 1 - OVRS (Cincinnati)
11/5: District 2 - CRSI (Urbana)
11/10: District 3 - RHDD (Zanesville)
11/17: District 7 - VGS (Cleveland)
11/18: District 5 - Epic (Ravenna)

- Free for OPRA Members
- \$100 Non-member Cost
- All sessions from 10am-3pm
- Coffee and light snacks provided, lunch on your own
- [Learn more and register here!](#)

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Upcoming Events

10/15: OPRA Residential Resources Committee

10/16: OPRA Healthcare Committee

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

News & Resources

“Government shutdown threatens to drag on through weekend with Hill leaders deadlocked”

“DeWine: federal shutdown not having immediate or widespread impact on Ohio now”

“The best and worst cities in America for people with disabilities”

“NDEAM Resources from The Office of Disability Employment Policy”





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