

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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EVV: The Ohio Department of Medicaid published their October EVV newsletter, but the newsletter has not been posted to the ODM website yet. The newsletter included new resources for DODD providers. If you have any questions about EVV, please reach out to [Christine](#).

[DODD + EVV FAQs.](#)

[Updated Claims Validation Process for DODD services](#)

Ohio Legislation: After a long break, the Ohio General Assembly is back at work and hearing legislation important to OPRA members. If you have any questions about these or any other bills, please reach out to [Christine](#).

SB 35- The Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee held the fourth hearing on SB 35 which formally recognizes supported decision making as a voluntary alternative to guardianship. The bill's sponsors offered an amendment to the bill to require the supported decision-making arrangement must be in writing and clarified the duties of the parties to the arrangement. The committee did not vote on the bill. [You can watch the hearing here.](#) You can view the [bill language and submitted testimony here.](#)

HB 141- The Ohio Senate Health Committee held sponsor testimony on HB 141 which creates prescribed pediatric extended care centers. This was the first hearing in the Senate on the bill. The bill was not scheduled for a second hearing in the committee next week but we anticipate it should have a second hearing before the General Assembly leaves for their holiday break. You can watch a [recording of the hearing here.](#) You can view [bill language and sponsor testimony here.](#)

HB 309- The Ohio House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing on various bills meant to revise the Ohio property tax code including HB 309. The bill makes various changes to the authority of county budget commissions. Our partners at the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD provided in-person testimony on the bill's likely impact on boards and the system at large. You can watch the [hearing and OACB's testimony here.](#) You can read the [full text of the bill here.](#) and [LSC's analysis of the bill here-](#) You can read the [submitted testimony, including OACB's testimony, here.](#)

Camera Rule: Earlier this week DODD sent out a draft rule addressing use of audio and video devices in ICFs and HCBS settings. The draft rule established parameters and procedures for when audio or video devices are considered or used in certain settings. [The rule can be found on our OPRA website.](#) Please provide any feedback on the draft rule to [Rachel](#).



Scott was on the road yesterday for a few stops in District 4. First, we delivered our first DSP Week Raffle prize to Emily Green from Marimor Industries. Congrats, Emily and thank you for all that you do! Then we visited with the leadership team at Manahan to brainstorm and discuss future service opportunities. Thanks to Steve Maenle and the Manahan Leadership team for having us!



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, info on the HCBS Settings Reviews, DODD's Community Connection Core Group Accepting Applications, the Scheduled Salesforce Release and upcoming training opportunities.



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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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 (Athens)
- 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

“Applications Open for New American Leadership Academy”

“HHS Withdraws Appeal in Nursing Home Staffing Rule Case”

“Supreme Court To Weigh How Intellectual Disability Is Defined”

“NDEAM Resources from The Office of Disability Employment Policy”



Giv x OPRA



We're counting down to OPRA Fall 2025, and Giv is thrilled to host a furniture giveaway exclusively for OPRA members!

Here's how to earn raffle entries:

- **1 entry** – Fill out the [giveaway form](#)
- **2 entries** – Create your free [Giv Community profile](#)
- **10 entries** – Agency decision maker [completes a demo](#)

The winning agency must own at least one group home, and entries must include the company name to count.

We look forward to seeing you at OPRA!

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