

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

OCTOBER 17, 2025

EVV: We continue to monitor implementation of claims denials. If you have any issues with denials or EVV in general, please reach out to [Christine](#).

[DODD + EVV FAQs](#).

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

Supported Decision Making: SB 35, a bill to formally recognize supported decision making, passed through the Ohio Judiciary Committee and then the Ohio Senate this week. There were additional changes made to the bill prior to passage through the committee. The bill must now make it through the Ohio House. [You can view the changes here](#). You can [view the Judiciary Committee hearing here](#). You can view [submitted testimony here](#).

Camera Rule: Last week DODD shared a proposed new rule addressing the use of audio and video devices in Intermediate Care Facilities and in homes where individuals receive Home and Community-Based Services. The rule sets out when and how audio or video devices can be considered. We encourage members to review the rule and share any feedback for formal comment on the rule. [The rule can be found on our OPRA website](#). Please provide any feedback on the draft rule to [Rachel](#).

Committees: Thanks to everyone who attended this week's Residential Resources and Healthcare Committees this week. The Residential Resources Committee was jam packed with resources for EVV, Settings Reviews, DRO, and other valuable discussion points. The meeting, along with the PowerPoint and resource list can be found on the OPRA website. Thank you to all who attended and participated in these important conversations.

Remote Support Rules: Yesterday, DODD filed both the Remote Supports and Assistive Technology rules, with a [public hearing set for November 17th](#). As these rules go forward, we continue to work with DODD and system partners on additional rule adjustments that may allow the service to be delivered in the community. The rule drafts can be found in the public hearing notice above. Please feel free to provide feedback on the rules to Scott before 11/17.



Congratulations to Trent Grooms and the team at [Choices in Community Living](#) on their 40th annual celebration. The OPRA team was honored to be able to join the celebration of this great milestone. Thank to Choices for being such a valued part of the OPRA community and here's to another 40 years of great services!



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 NDEAM Celebrations (spotlighting Weaver Industries), Guidance on the Vehicle Modification rule, EVV updates, RFP timelines and updates, and new online trainings.



And congrats to Highco and RHDD for winning the GIV Furniture raffle. Thank you to our partners at GIV for their donation and support!

Regional Training Series People Skills for People Professionals



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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 (Athens)
- 11/17: District 7 - VGS (Cleveland)
- 11/18: District 5 - Epic (Ravenna)

- Free for OPRA Members
- \$100 Non-member Cost
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Upcoming Events

10/23-24: OPRA Annual Conference

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

News & Resources

“Ed Department Blocked From Laying Off Special Education Staff”

“Ohio Senate Passes Bill Supporting Adults with a Developmental Disability”

“Ohio's Blue Envelope Program helps drivers with disabilities feel safer behind the wheel”

“NDEAM Resources from The Office of Disability Employment Policy”





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