

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

OCTOBER 31, 2025

SNAP Update: Two different federal judges [ruled earlier this afternoon](#) that the Trump administration must use USDA contingency funds to maintain some level of SNAP benefits while the federal government remains shut down. While this seems promising, the Trump administration still has the opportunity to appeal the rule. At least one judge is requiring the administration to respond by Monday to tell the court if it would authorize some level of benefits. Even if the Trump administration does not appeal the ruling, it could still have taken a few days for the benefits to get loaded recipients' benefit cards. We will continue to keep you posted as we hear more. Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

HB309: House Bill 309, a bill to change certain property tax laws, held its second hearing in the Senate Local Government Committee. You can view the [bill's language and LSC analysis here](#). You can [watch a recording of the hearing here](#).

Remote Support Rules: This week, DODD held an additional stakeholder to continue discussions on potential changes to the Remote Supports rule. The current draft rule is set for a public hearing on 11/17 and [can be reviewed here](#).

EVV: The Ohio Department of Medicaid held their monthly EVV stakeholder call last Monday. The meeting reviewed changes to the ODM website and new resources posted to the website. You can view the [slides from the meeting here](#). 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

Telehealth is an authorized service delivery method within Ohio's Individual Options (IO) Waiver that allows individuals to receive certain supports remotely through secure technology. It's designed to promote independence, flexibility, and safety by enabling real-time communication between individuals, physicians, and their support team — including direct support staff, nurses, and providers — without always requiring in-person presence. If you have any questions regarding the service or would like clarification on the utilization of the service, please reach out to [Rachel](#).



It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of Dane Patterson. Dane worked for BSI and has been a loyal vendor and friend at OPRA events for many years. He was a kind person who always greeted everyone with a smile and genuine warmth. Dane was deeply devoted to his family and his community. He dedicated countless hours to supporting local youth, especially through baseball, and helped so many young people become the best versions of themselves. Please take a moment to keep Dane's wife, children, family, and community in your thoughts as they navigate this difficult loss.

<https://www.brucker-kishlerfuneralhome.com/obituary/dane-patterson>



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 info on the signing of 'Keith's Law', upcoming InterRAI town halls, OhioTSMS changes, mobile response and stabilization services, upcoming trainings and more!



GREAT PROVIDER PLAYBOOK

Insights you can act on from OPRA

'Tis the Season for Surveys

The compliance and survey process can feel intimidating for providers and their staff. Although most surveys and reviews are unannounced, **Great Providers** utilize their playbook to maintain year-round readiness through ongoing monitoring and continuous quality improvement. This guide offers a roadmap to help prepare your team, records, and systems—building confidence no matter when or what type of review occurs.

Federal (CMS)	<p>Federal surveys are the primary tool used by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to ensure that Intermediate Care Facilities comply with the federal Conditions of Participation as outlined in 42 CFR 483.400-483.480. In Ohio, these reviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are conducted by the Ohio Department of Health on behalf of CMS every 12-15 months;• Are typically unannounced and may include a recertification review, focused fundamental survey, complaint investigation, follow-up visit, or federal validation review.• Are based on Exhibit 355 which serves as a guide for both the surveyor and provider.
State (DODD)	<p>DODD's Office of Compliance conducts reviews of licensed facilities and waiver providers as well as oversight reviews of County Boards and Councils of Government (COGs). These reviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are conducted by DODD's Office of Compliance at least once during each certification period or term of accreditation or licensure;• Are announced at least 90 days prior to the review being conducted;• Are based on a DODD provided Compliance Review Tool and a list of required documents. There are different review tools available depending upon the service being provided. <p>Providers who are accredited through a national accreditation entity (CARF, CQL, etc.) may request an ABBREVIATED REVIEW by submitting a written request to the Department.</p>

The latest issue of the [Great Provider Playbook](#) was sent out today, focusing on **Survey Season**, including the different types of reviews and surveys as well as a 90-day countdown preparation guide to navigate the review process.

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 (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

11/4: 2025 OPRA Regional Training Series - District 1

11/5: 2025 OPRA Regional Training Series - District 2

11/6: Day & Employment Service Committee

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

News & Resources

“Gov. Mike DeWine signs executive order providing up to \$25M in food assistance as federal SNAP halt nears”

“Despite Hold On Ed Department Layoffs, Special Education Worries Run High”

“Disability services staffing squeezed as Medicaid cuts loom”

“Government Shutdown Has Disability Providers ‘Running On Fumes’”





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