

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

NOVEMBER 21, 2025

EVV: Earlier this week, The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) held their monthly stakeholder meeting. The meeting continued the discussion on the rounding errors that have been the cause of many of the issues since rollout on 10/1. Stakeholders requested more examples to illustrate the issue and how to properly calculate units. [The presentation from the meeting can be accessed here.](#)

Shutdown & SNAP: Following the government reopening last week, Ohio officials have indicated that all individuals and households impacted by the lack of SNAP funding should see their November funds deposited by today, November 21st. “According to the State, recipients should receive full payments by the end of the week of November 17. If you received a partial payment, you will receive the remainder of your balance.” Please let us know if anybody you support or employ is still having challenges accessing their SNAP benefits.

HB 309: This week saw [the passage of House Bill 309](#), which will now make its way to Gov. DeWine for signature. This is one of several property tax-related bills introduced in Ohio’s legislature and essentially gives county tax commissioners the authority to adjust or reduce certain levy amounts if they are deemed unnecessary or burdensome. An attempt to exempt required county board spending was not ultimately incorporated into the bill. These property tax measures all come ahead of a potential voter referendum on property taxes in November of 2026.

Remote Support Rules: Monday saw the public hearing for both the remote supports and assistive technology rules. Aside from what has been discussed on remote supports, we also submitted testimony on concerns with the assistive tech rule. Based on testimony, DODD updated the AT rule to improve language around monitoring bases and confidentiality agreements, but is moving forward with a new provision that limits equipment markups to 25% for AT providers. Reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

Diabetes Program: Our partners at the Ohio Disability and Health Partnership (a partnership between OSU and the Ohio Department of Health) reached out to us to help promote an in-person diabetes prevention program called ‘A Healthier You’, that will be hosted in Upper Arlington. There is no requirement that people live in Franklin County. [Click here to learn more and/or register.](#)



District Trainings: This week concluded our regional training series, ‘People Skills for People Professionals’. Approximately 250 disability service professionals attended the trainings, which were held in each of OPRA’s 7 districts over the past 3 weeks. The trainings covered topics like team-building, conflict resolution, person-centered thinking, empathetic communication, trauma-informed care and more. A big thanks to all of the OPRA member organizations who hosted these trainings, which were free to OPRA members, and an even bigger thanks to everyone who attended and participated in this series.



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 DD Council's new Interim Director, upcoming webinars on changes to the Remote Supports and Assistive Tech rules and more.

Member Survey: As we plan for 2026, your feedback is essential in helping us strengthen and refine our work. Please take a few minutes to complete OPRA's [Member Feedback Survey](#) — your input directly shapes our priorities, resources, and advocacy efforts for the coming year. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete and covers four key areas aligned with our CARE framework: Please complete the [survey](#) by Wednesday, November 26 (and then go enjoy Thanksgiving!). Thank you for taking the time to share your perspective and for being part of a community that's shaping the future of Ohio's DD system.



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Wage Survey: Last week, DODD released the [2024 Direct Support Professional \(DSP\) Compensation Survey Summary](#), showing the progress providers have made in increasing DSP wages and reducing turnover as a result of state budget investments in reimbursement rates. We appreciate OPRA members for completing this survey, which helps to provide important data and shows the efficacy of investment in disability services.

Don't miss out! Scan the QR code to register for in-person regional meetings.

Meeting locations include Cincinnati, Ohio (12/1/2025); Toledo, Ohio (12/2/2025); Columbus, Ohio (12/10/2025); and Cleveland, Ohio (12/17/2025). Choose from morning or afternoon session times!

Upcoming Events

11/27: Happy Thanksgiving!

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

News & Resources

“Ohioans’ federal food benefits should be issued by midweek, administrator says”

“Ohio lawmakers send property tax reform package to Gov. Mike DeWine’s desk”

“Fragmented Federal Education Plan Could Harm Students With Disabilities, Advocates Warn”

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