

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

DECEMBER 19, 2025



Director Nash: This week, Governor DeWine announced the nomination of Lyndsay Nash to be DODD Director. Lyndsay has served as Interim Director since Kim Hauck's retirement in June. Director Nash has been with DODD for several years, previously serving as Legal Counsel, Director of Compliance and Assistant Director. We have worked with Director Nash on several workgroups and issues over the years and look forward to continuing to work together for her tenure as DODD Director.

ACA Premiums: Congress has adjourned for the holiday recess [without passing a measure to extend enhanced Affordable Care Act \(ACA\) marketplace subsidies](#), which are set to expire at the end of 2025 and could lead to higher premiums for many enrollees in 2026. In the House, Republican leadership advanced a health care package that does not include the subsidy extension, while a small group of moderate Republicans and Democrats secured signatures to force a future vote on a 3-year extension. Earlier efforts in the Senate to pass either a multi-year extension of the subsidies or alternative health care proposals have also so far failed to gain the necessary support.

EVV- The Ohio Department of Medicaid hosted their monthly EVV stakeholder workgroup. The meeting primarily focused on the implementation of claims denials in the PASSPORT waivers and upcoming changes to the MyCare waiver program. [You can view the slides from the meeting here.](#)

STABLE Accounts- Starting on 1/1/26, the Ohio Treasury's Office is implement changes to Ohio's STABLE accounts. The changes should allow for more people to be eligible for STABLE accounts and give more flexibility to the accounts. [You can find more information here.](#)

A/V Rule: Yesterday, OPRA participated in a department-led meeting on [the proposed audio/video \(A/V\) rule](#), which included providers, families, individuals served, and DODD staff. DODD clarified that the rule does not allow blanket use of cameras in bedrooms and that any use would remain a team-based decision requiring Human Rights Committee approval. The rule is intended to address health and safety, not behavior supports, and to create a clearer approval pathway where one has not existed previously. The Department was receptive to feedback, acknowledged needed revisions, and anticipates additional meetings as the rule continues to be refined. We will keep everyone posted as revisions are made.



The OPRA team would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and happy holiday season. We hope you're able to enjoy the holidays and find some time to relax. We look forward to seeing you on the Friday call on December 26th and looking forward to a great 2026!



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

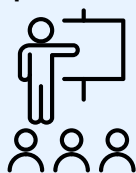
Memo Monday: Click here to read this week's [DODD Memo Monday](#), including a new advocacy page, info on Home-delivered Meals, Updated Abuser registry, MSS Webinar for County Boards and end-of-year training reminder.

PSPP Resources: OPRA recently wrapped up our regional training series, 'People Skills for People Professionals'. Following up on the trainings, we've linked all of the [materials on the OPRA website here](#). The resource page contains 4 powerpoints from the training on topics like Team-building, Empathy-based Communication, Starting with Why, and Person-Centered Planning. These resources are available to all OPRA members, whether you attended the training or not. Please reach out to Scott with any questions on training or these resources.

CALL FOR SPEAKER PROPOSALS!!

Deadline to Submit is Monday, February 16, 2026

Cleveland is the city where rock & roll found its name—and where greatness is celebrated every day. Just steps from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, OPRA's 2026 Great Provider Summit invites you to Get Ready for Greatness. Join us as we turn up the volume on what it takes to lead in the next era of I/DD services—through strategic leadership, operational excellence, workforce investment, and advocacy that shapes the future of our field. OPRA invites you to submit session proposals that are practical, forward-thinking, and equipped with concrete tools and strategies to help providers reach Hall of Fame-level impact and performance. [Click to submit!](#)



ADVANCE

/Provider Leadership Training

Recognizing the critical importance of developing tomorrow's leaders, OPRA proudly offers the ADVANCE Provider Leadership Training, a year-long development experience for DD professionals. Registration is currently open for the training program, which begins in January 2026. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

Upcoming Events

12/25: Merry Christmas

1/1: And a Happy New Year

1/8: Day and Employment Service Committee

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

News & Resources

"Governor DeWine Nominates Nash DODD Director, Moretti DBH Director"

"Gov. DeWine looks back and ahead for Ohio as final year approaches"

"House passes GOP health care bill without ACA extension"

"Sedgwick December 2025 Safety Articles"

