

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

May 22, 2026

**Program Integrity:** Last week, [DODD released information](#) following [Governor DeWine's initiatives to combat fraud, waste and abuse in Ohio's Medicaid system](#). While we are still awaiting emergency rules codifying these efforts, state agencies have shared that "Effective 5/14/2026 through 11/14/2026: In accordance with CMS-6101-N and 42 CFR 455.470, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is implementing a moratorium on the enrollment of Home Health and Hospice providers. During this period, ODM will not accept new Medicaid enrollment applications for Hospice or Home Health Agencies, Waiver Individuals and Organizations, Private Duty Nurses, Personal Care Aides and Home Care Attendants." This order also currently appears to include new service sites, including those that have been planned/prepared prior to this order. The announcement also includes Immediate Payment Suspension to High-Risk Providers, Mandatory GPS Requirement for Electronic Visit Verification and Mandatory EVV for Live-In Caregivers. This week, Ohio Gubernatorial candidate, [Vivek Ramaswamy released a plan to "crack down on Medicaid Fraud in Ohio"](#). OPRA will continue to advocate and educate on the integrity and importance of disability services in Medicaid, while working with state and federal partners to attain clarity on these provisions going forward. We will communicate with members as these efforts progress and rules are issued.

**A/V Rule:** We learned this week that DODD is currently "taking some time to work through the expressed concerns" regarding rule 5123-2-10 (Use of audio or video devices in residential settings). DODD still wishes to move ahead with a reworked version of the rule after reviewing all feedback.

**Supervisor Training:** Registration is open for our next quarterly New Supervisor Training on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am on Zoom. "Join OPRA President/CEO Pete Moore and Vice President Scott Marks for a practical training designed specifically for new supervisors. This session will focus on what effective supervision looks like in our field; building trust, leading with purpose, and creating a team culture that supports both staff and the people we serve. This training is intended to satisfy the '90-day' training requirement for new supervisors." [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

**OPRA Compensation and Benefits Survey:** Today is the last day to submit your survey. If you are still planning on submitting, but think you may need a few more days, please reach out to [Christine](#) to discuss. Thank you to the 88 members who submitted! We greatly appreciate the time, effort, and resources that go into completing the survey!



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It was great to be in Cleveland with everyone for this year's OPRA Great Provider Summit. A huge thank you to the attendees, presenters, sponsors and exhibitors who helped to make this event a success!



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday:** Click here to read this week's [Memo Monday](#), which includes Updates to Ohio Medicaid Fraud Prevention Requirements, OhioSP Transition Info and more.



Members of the OPRA team were grateful to join United Rehabilitation Services for the retirement celebration for Dennis Grant. We want to thank Dennis for his years of service and leadership at URS and the field of DD Services in Ohio. Dennis has been a long-time OPRA board member and has been a strong advocate for people with disabilities and those who support them. We wish Dennis all the best in retirement and look forward to working with incoming URS Executive Director, Rachel Zidaroff. Thank you and congratulations, Dennis!

**Save The Date:** On Wednesday, May 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Quest Conference Center, we will be hosting an in-person learning opportunity focused on **strengthening integrity, accountability, and operational excellence**. This session will bring together state agency partners and experts in DD operations focusing on internal controls for a practical conversation about how we protect resources, strengthen business practices, and build systems that support quality and trust. This is designed for leaders and business/finance staff who want to ensure their organizations are well-positioned in an increasingly complex environment. [More details and link to register can be found here.](#)

We Would Like to Take the Opportunity to Welcome the Newest Provider Members to the OPRA Community!

Allen & Carmen's Caring Hands  
CP Unlimited  
Outreach Community Living Services  
Reaching Our Goals  
Rose-Mary Center  
Tru Community  
Wilson Estate Home Health Care

## Upcoming Events

5/25: Memorial Day

5/27: OPRA Strengthening Integrity & Accountability Learning Opportunity

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

## News & Resources

“DeWine answers criticism from his fellow Republicans about Ohio Medicaid”

“CMS proposes rule aimed at limiting Medicaid state-directed payments”

“Chairman Walberg Delivers Remarks at Markup of Bills on Disability Employment”

“The caregivers you’ve never heard of are in crisis”



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