

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

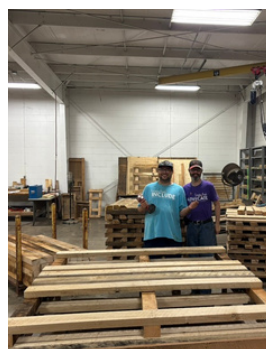
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HB 795/SB 315: Following a frenzied few weeks of legislative activity, enormous advocacy and major changes, the Ohio Senate unanimously passed SB 315 (formerly HB 795) late Wednesday evening. The Senate's passage followed a House Finance vote and then a bipartisan approval in the House earlier that day. There is still much work and advocacy to be done to ensure Ohio's DD system is protected as the state and federal government attempt to combat fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicaid program, but the final passed version of the bill represents a significant improvement on earlier versions proposed over the past few weeks. We want to thank everyone who took part in advocating on this bill. Most importantly for DD services, the final version of the bill does the following;

- Expands EVV to in-home care services, but exempts most DD services from that expansion;
 - Exempts from the definition of "in-home care services" (to the extent permitted under federal law) services that are not personal care in nature or that satisfy any of the following:
 - The services are residential services billed on a daily rate, habilitation services, or transportation services;
 - The services are provided under a home and community-based (HCBS) Medicaid waiver to an individual with developmental disabilities or to an individual who meets all criteria for a developmental disability other than that the disability manifested before age 22;
 - The services are provided in an ICF/IID or under the Assisted Living program.
- Requires ODM to establish a standardized onboarding process for all providers
- Allows claims that overlap with a hospital stay that are not provided in accordance with an authorized individual service plan, and coordinated billing rings."

Christine share this presentation on this morning's call that outlines the pertinent bill provisions and legislative timeline and process. Please reach out to the OPRA team with any questions.

Speaker Proposals: OPRA is pleased to announce "The Call for Speaker Proposals" is officially open for the 2026 OPRA Annual Conference on October 22-23, 2026 at the Hilton Polaris, 8700 in Columbus OH. All proposals must be submitted with a clear outline ensuring your sessions are practical, forward-thinking and offer concrete tools and strategies for driving excellence in I/DD services. We look forward to seeing your proposals. [Click here to submit!](#)



Thanks to Sally Sutter and the team at Brookhill Industries and DayHab for inviting us to their open house this week. It was a hot day, but that didn't stop over 300 friends and family from coming out for this great community event. Thanks for having us!



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 an upcoming InterRAI Town Halls, July waiver changes, Environmental Accessibility Adaptation Service Webinar and more.



Registration is open for this year's CEO/DOO Training Day on July 29th at the Quest Center. This training day will satisfy the 6 hours of required annual training for agency Directors of Operations. Sessions will include:

- Empathy-Based Leadership
- Navigating Generations in the Workforce
- MUI/DODD Updates
- Strategic Planning
- High Stakes Communication and more

[Space is limited... Register Today!](#)

Call for Celebrations! In 2026, we're excited to close out our Friday calls with member celebrations, ending each call on a positive note and a bit of good news. If there's something you'd like Pete or the team to celebrate during a Friday call, we'd love to hear it! This could include retirements, milestones, big events, great stories, birthdays, or any other moments worth recognizing. Please email [Scott](#) with the subject line "OPRA Celebrations" and let us know what you'd like us to celebrate.

Supervisor Training: Registration is open for our next quarterly New Supervisor Training on June 23rd at 9:30 am on Zoom. "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.](#)

Upcoming Events

6/17: OPRA Residential Resources Committee

6/18: OPRA Healthcare Committee Meeting

6/23: OPRA New Supervisor Training

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

News & Resources

"After major revisions, Ohio Medicaid fraud bill passes with bipartisan support"

"Lawmakers easily approve Ohio Medicaid changes after earlier controversy"

"CMS Proposes Significant Limits on Medicaid State Directed Payments"

"Ohio lawmakers unanimously advance plan to study caregiver shortage as aging population grows"



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