

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

July 24, 2026

DODD Medication Administration: DODD has released the final version of the revised package of medication administration rules. DODD anticipates the effective date of the new rules will be August 13th, 2026. We would like to specifically call out rule 5123-6-03 section (F)(7)(e) and clarified expectations on when a medication error requires a notation in MAIS. Additionally, in rule 5123-6-07 section (E)(6)(a), QARN observations must now be in person. During the pandemic, DODD allowed for virtual observation but will no longer allow for this. [You can see all of the change rules here.](#) Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

Compensation Survey: The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is conducting their annual DSP Compensation Survey for most waiver services provided by agency providers. Participation is mandatory for covered providers. Covered providers should have received direct communication from DODD about the survey. Surveys are due July 31st, 2026. [You can learn more here.](#) Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

NPI #: As a reminder, Ohio will soon start revalidating current Medicaid providers. To ensure your enrollment remains active, providers must have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) on file. DODD expects all providers to obtain an NPI by July 29. Providers that do not have an NPI associated with their provider record in PNM can add the NPI by accessing the Edit Key Provider Identifiers link in PNM's [Edit Key Identifiers - Quick Reference Guide.](#)

Review Tool: Claims validation begins August 1st. [The compliance review tool has been updated to reflect claims validation requirements](#) including; Type of Service, Date of Service, Place of Service, Name of person receiving service, Medicaid ID number of person receiving service, Name of Provider, Provider identifier/contract number, Signature or initials of person delivering the service, Group size, Description of detail of the services delivered, Description related to the services specified in the ISP, Number of units of the delivered service or continuous amount of uninterrupted time during which the service was delivered, and Time the delivered service started and stopped.

Disability Policy Candidates Forum: The Ohio Olmstead Task Force is hosting a Candidates Forum on August 20th at the Fawcett Center on the Ohio State University's main campus. The event is a chance to meet and hear directly from candidates running for statewide positions about their plans and commitments to the disability community in Ohio. The official list of speakers has not been finalized. Registration is free but limited for in-person attendance. A virtual option is available. [You can register for either option here.](#) This is not an official OPRA event, but OPRA is serving on the planning committee and is sponsoring the event.

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. We look forward to seeing your proposals. [Click here to submit!](#)



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](#), including DODD at Open Door's Mirolo Sensory Park Opening, Reminders about NPI Numbers and the DSP Compensation Survey, which is due next week, and more.



OPRA's "Call for Award Nominations" is now open for the 2026 OPRA Annual Awards. The Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris on Friday, October 23rd. The purpose of the OPRA Annual Awards is to honor dedicated service professionals, groups and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions in the I/DD Field. All nominations must be submitted no later than Monday, August 17th. [Click here to learn more and submit a nomination.](#)

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.

We would like to welcome these newest Provider Members to the OPRA Community

Habitat for Excellence
Lifeguide Friends, LTD
New Avenues to Independence, Inc.
Pegasus Farm
Residential Group Homes, Inc.
RMS of Ohio, Inc.

Upcoming Events

7/29: OPRA CEO/DOO Training Day

8/3: OPRA CEO/DOO/CFO/Business Manager Network

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

News & Resources

"CMS proposed rule lays groundwork for more OBBBA provider tax cutbacks"

"Proposed Amtrak route could expand travel options for Ohioans with disabilities"

"CMS suspends more than \$1 billion in Medicaid dollars to Minnesota and California over suspected fraud"

[Sedgwick July Safety and OSHA Articles](#)





COMPLIMENTARY INVITATION

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2026 IDD & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM SERIES

Beyond One Diagnosis: *Managing Medication Complexity in IDD*

Hilton Columbus at Easton
3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, OH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 | 9:00AM - 4:30PM

(Registration and hot breakfast buffet begin at 8:15AM)



4.25 CE Credits



Complimentary Registration



Networking Opportunities



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What We'll Cover:

- ✓ Medication Complexity in IDD
- ✓ Antidepressant Treatment in IDD
- ✓ Psychiatric and Seizure Disorder Overlap
- ✓ Co-Occurring Conditions in Epilepsy and IDD
- ✓ Tardive Dyskinesia in IDD (Non-CE)



Featuring:

Nanette Wrobel, RPh

Award-Winning IDD Clinical Educator

Who Should Attend

- ✓ Nursing Leaders
- ✓ Prescribers
- ✓ QIDPs
- ✓ Clinical Directors
- ✓ Behavioral Health Leaders
- ✓ IDD Professionals



Reserve Your Seat
Space is Limited

For more information contact
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EMBRACE HEALTHCARE
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This planned learning activity is pending approval by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Ohio Board of Nursing Approver Unit for Nursing Continuing Education (#OBN-010-93) Each nurse is responsible to ensure their licensing agency accepts nursing CE's approved by Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Ohio Board of Nursing