

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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It's last call for OPRA's "Call for Award Nominations" for the 2026 OPRA Annual Awards. The Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris on Friday, October 23rd. All nominations must be submitted no later than Monday, August 17th. [Click here to learn more and submit a nomination.](#)

Compensation and Benefits Survey: The OPRA Compensation and Benefits Survey Final Report is now available for download or purchase. Participating members were emailed instructions on how to download the report earlier today. If you did not receive the email, please reach out to [Christine](#). If your organization did not participate, [the survey is available for purchase here](#). Access to the report is \$250 for OPRA members.

DODD Agency Review Tool: Claims validation review of 15-minute HPC claims begins August 1st. [The compliance review tool has been updated to reflect claims validation requirements.](#) DODD released some additional guidance in this week's [Memo Monday](#). You can reach out to anyone on the OPRA team with questions.

Technology First Rule: DODD has released a proposed [rule change regarding the Technology First rule \(5123-2-01\)](#) that includes significant changes regarding the use of cameras in bedrooms. The proposed rule change adds parameters regarding camera use in bedrooms and procedures to be followed when a camera is being considered or utilized in an individual's bedroom. The rule applies for any individual who is residing in an ICF or HCBS setting. We will be thoroughly reviewing the rule at our upcoming Residential Resources meeting next Wednesday, August 19th. If you would like to provide any comment on the proposed rule, please send to Rachel by August 24th.

IP Documentation Rules: DODD is amending two rule related to HCBS services that will now require Independent Providers to utilize DODD-provided documentation templates when documenting on provided services. Although only required for Independents, [the draft documentation templates can all be found here](#).

Committees: Thanks for everyone's flexibility as we postponed this month's Day Array Committee, which will now meet jointly with the Employment Services Committee on 9/3. The Residential Resources Committee meets next week on 8/19, and the Health Care Committee in-person on 8/20.



Advocacy Army: Registration for Advocacy Army is now OPEN! The training is open to any staff, non-profit board members, and people served and their families at member organizations. The trainings will occur on September 11th and 28th and ends with a Statehouse Advocacy Day on September 29th. You can find more details about the training and register [here](#).



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 information on Ohio APSE's upcoming event, a Self-Employment Info session and a number of training opportunities.

OPRA Annual Conference: Exhibitors & Sponsors: Exhibit space for the 2026 OPRA Annual Conference is almost full! If your organization is interested in exhibiting, please reserve your space soon. Several great sponsorship opportunities are still available to help your organization stand out and connect with attendees. Please reach out to [Melissa](#) for more information.

A special thank-you to [TrailBlaze Creative](#), our Annual Conference Marketing, All-Star Party, and Wi-Fi Sponsor!



HIPAA Risk Assessment Training: OPRA is pleased to host a six-part training with our partners at Guarded Edge. Participants will master the step-by-step process of conducting a fully HIPAA-compliant risk assessment. Every registered agency will receive the HIPAA-compliant risk assessment grid and a complete HIPAA security policy manual. Registration is \$500 but there is no cap on the number of employees an agency can send. You can learn more and register [here](#).



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. Registration is free but limited. 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.

Upcoming Events

8/19: OPRA Residential Resources Committee

8/20: OPRA Health Care Committee: IN PERSON

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

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"New Bill: Senator Ben Ray Lujan introduces S. 5321: HCBS Access Act"

"Opinion: The Promise We Made to Americans with Disabilities Is Under Attack"

"A Look at Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services: Background and Policy Landscape"

