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Cathy Hutzel Retiring, Allan Kisner New Assistant to Director Hauck

Attention: County Boards, Providers, Stakeholders

After 50 years in the disabilities field, DODD's assistant to the director, Cathy Hutzel, is retiring on June 30. DODD greatly appreciates Cathy's service and wishes her all the best in retirement!

Director Hauck is pleased to welcome Allan Kisner as the new Assistant to the director. Allan began working with DODD in 2021 with the Early Intervention program. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio University, completing a double major in Spanish and Latin American Studies, with focused studies in political science and music. His previous experience includes the implementation of several state and federal programs with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services beginning in 2011. Allan can be reached at allan.kisner@dodd.ohio.gov. Please include Allan on upcoming requests, invites, or questions for Director Hauck.

Mandatory DSP Compensation Survey is Due on June 30

Attention: Agency administrators who employed DSPs to deliver homemaker/person care (HPC), adult day, vocational habilitation, and/or employment supports in calendar year 2023. This notice excludes all independent providers, ICFs, shared living, home modification, supportive technology, and transportation provider agencies.

This is a reminder to complete the mandatory DODD 2023 DSP Compensation Survey. The deadline for completion is June 30, 2024. Reporting data is required under Section 751.20 of Ohio's budget bill, HB 33, to ensure transparency and that funds were used for the benefit of DSP wages.

Providers who fail to complete the annual DSP Compensation Survey will be in noncompliance with Section 751.20 of House Bill 33 and excluded from receiving DODD grants and contracts.

Here are the instructions for completing the survey:

1. Review the [paper copy of the survey](#).
2. Review the [training PowerPoint](#).
3. Complete the [Excel workbook](#). Please retain this workbook for your agency's records.
4. Enter the data from the Excel workbook into the online survey platform. Each agency has their own unique survey code. Survey codes were sent from DSPComp@dodd.ohio.gov. Emails were sent to the DODD, office, and billing emails on record. Please email DSPComp@dodd.ohio.gov if you cannot locate your agency's code.

The DODD team is available to assist your agency in completing the survey. Please contact DSPComp@dodd.ohio.gov with any questions. We encourage early submissions to ensure timely access to technical assistance.

Health Care Assessment Service Removed from Waiver Amendments

Attention: County Boards

At the request of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Ohio Department of Medicaid and DODD are removing the proposed Health Care Assessment (HCA) service from our July 2024 waiver amendments. We plan to work collaboratively with CMS to address any questions or concerns it may have about the service, and include Health Care Assessment in a future waiver amendment. DODD is also working with CMS to explore allowing intermediate care facilities (ICFs) to include

a similar service in their cost reports. As we work to address these issues, DODD will continue to use state funds to support people receiving waiver and ICF services who are currently enrolled in the pilot.

Employment Quality Readiness Project Awardees Announced

***Attention: Employment Services and Career Planning Providers,
County Boards***

The Blueprint for Adult Day and Employment Services proposal includes the Employment Quality Readiness Project, an opportunity to help Ohio HCBS waiver providers prepare for the future of employment services quality in Ohio.

DODD is investing over \$450,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in providers through this opportunity in 43 Employment Services providers. The funds are paying for approved expenditures, including access to training and technology enhancements.

The names of the awardees can be accessed on the [Blueprint](#) page on the DODD website.

DODD Extends Deadline for RFP - Building Group Employment Supports Capacity for Providers

Attention: Group Employment Supports Providers

Due to an issue concerning the scoring portion of the Building Group Employment Supports Capacity Request for Proposal (RFP) for providers, DODD has revised the RFP and is extending the deadline for submitting applications/proposals to June 20, 2024, at noon. Applicants who have already submitted proposals have been notified of the revised scoring section and extended deadline.

For more information, and to access the revised RFP, click [here](#).

Final Reminder: Join our Statewide Behavior Support Workshop Tomorrow

Attention: All Providers, County Boards, CEOs, DCs, ICFs

Join DODD for the Statewide Behavior Support Workshop tomorrow, June 11, from 1 PM to 2:30 PM.

No need to register; click the link below to join.

[Statewide Behavior Support Workshop - June 11, 2024, at 1 PM - 2:30 PM](#)

Meeting ID: 160 1213 2105 Passcode 983318

Prefer to call in? Use these numbers: 646-828-7666 US (New York) or 646-964-1167 US (US Spanish Line)

You can watch for future workshop dates on our [website](#).

If you have any questions, email behavior.support@dodd.ohio.gov. And don't forget about our [RMN Data Office Hours](#)—click the link to sign up for a 30-minute chat.

Holiday and FI Transition to Affect Provider Payment Dates

Attention: All Agency and Independent Providers

The Ohio Department of Medicaid will transition DODD claims processing from the Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS) to the new Fiscal Intermediary (FI) on July 1, 2024. To support this transition, please note the following deadlines for claims submission:

- Beginning with the JUN24D cycle, claims adjustments will not be allowed to support a successful transition from MITS to FI. Adjustments submitted after noon on June 19 will be rejected. We can begin processing adjustments with the AUG24C cycle.
- JUL24B cycle, which is pulled on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, will be cut off at noon to allow sufficient time for processing. This means we will not be able to pull in any claims after 12 PM and any billing submissions after the noon deadline will be left for the next week's processing.
- Payment for the JUL24A cycle will be delayed by one day due to the Independence Day holiday. Providers should anticipate payment via Electronic Funds Transfers and checks to be mailed out on Friday, July 5.

Please note that the submission deadlines will not affect a provider's ability to submit claims to DODD.

Ohio State University Nisonger Center Gathering Feedback on the StationMD Pilot Project

Attention: People Enrolled in the StationMD Pilot Project, Providers Serving a Person Enrolled in the StationMD Pilot Project

Ohio State University is conducting an evaluation of StationMD's use in Ohio. As part of this study, we invite you to participate in a 10-minute online survey. Some people will also qualify for a focus group about their

experience with StationMD (see link below).

Participation is *optional*. This means you may choose to participate or not to participate.

Follow this link: go.osu.edu/StationMD

You can also contact us directly to sign up or ask any questions

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Ohio State University Nisonger Center to Offer Free Resources to Direct Support Professionals

Attention: Direct Support Professionals

The OSU Nisonger Center is offering free training for direct support professionals starting June 17, 2024, and running each Monday from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM through July 22.

The purpose is to provide competent training to direct support professionals in the state of Ohio who work with individuals with ID/DD and MHD to improve cross-system collaboration and improve service for adults with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities and mental health diagnoses.

Topics include;

June 17: The Role of the DSP in Supporting those with IDD and MHD

June 24: The Individual, DSP and Team Connection

July 1: Anxiety in IDD

July 8: Trauma-Informed Approach to Mental Health and IDD

July 15: Crisis Planning and Prevention

July 22: Supported Decision-Making in Everyday Life

Sessions have been submitted for approval from DODD to count towards the 60 hours of training required for the Competency-Based Longevity add-on.

You can register [here](#).

OhioISP Updates

OhioISP Gatherings



OhioISP

Calling all qualified intellectual disability professionals (QIDPs) and service and support administrators (SSAs)! Come join the OhioISP team at a monthly gathering to talk about person-centered planning and the OhioISP. It's a great opportunity to share ideas, network, collaborate, and gain valuable insights and guidance. Discussions will vary at each gathering from month to month. Your input is always welcome and valued and the OhioISP team is excited to hear what you have to share!

Please visit the [website](#) for details on how to join the gatherings. Feel free to join any session that works for your schedule. Should you need any special accommodations, please contact us at OhioISP@dodd.ohio.gov.

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DODD Announces June Provider Training on Personal Funds

Attention: All Providers who assist with personal funds, SSAs and QIDPs who write plans for people receiving assistance with personal funds

DODD's Office of Compliance will present the June 27 session of the DODD Provider Training series on personal funds. The session will provide information about the requirements of the personal funds rule, including documentation of the support and what needs to be included in the ISP.

Register [here](#) for this one-hour session beginning at 10 AM, which can be counted toward annual training requirements for providers who assist with personal funds.

Have a compliance question or need accommodation for this training? Email compliance@dodd.ohio.gov.

Unable to attend? Recordings and handouts from all previous sessions can be found [here](#).



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