



GREAT PROVIDER SERIES

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Great Providers Have Strong Operational Foundations

One of OPRA's five characteristics of Great Providers is having strong operational foundations. While recent state actions have focused attention on fraud prevention and oversight, the fundamentals of running a strong provider organization remain the same.

Providers should continue focusing on:

- **Accurate documentation**
- **Sound billing practices**
- **Internal controls and oversight**
- **Staff training and supervision**
- **Compliance systems that identify risk early**

The vast majority of providers work hard every day to deliver quality services with integrity. Strong operational foundations help protect organizations, employees, and the people they support—especially during periods of increased scrutiny and change.



Understanding Ohio's Provider Moratorium

In May, Governor Mike DeWine announced several Medicaid fraud prevention initiatives, including a temporary moratorium on certain new Medicaid provider enrollments. Since then, we've heard a lot of questions from providers about what this means and what it doesn't.

What Is the Moratorium?

Effective May 14, 2026, Ohio implemented a temporary moratorium on certain new Medicaid provider enrollments. The moratorium is currently scheduled to remain in effect through at least November 14, 2026.

It applies to several provider types, including **Waivered Services Organizations (Provider Type 45)** and **Waivered Services Individuals (Provider Type 55)**.

The information below reflects OPRA's understanding of the moratorium and related guidance as of the date of publication. Because state agencies may issue additional



Integrity & Trust

Every provider wants the same thing: a system that people, families, taxpayers, and policymakers can trust.

That trust is built every day through accurate documentation, sound business practices, strong supervision, ethical leadership, and quality services. It is built by thousands of providers and professionals doing the right thing—even when no one is watching.

As conversations about fraud, waste, abuse, and program integrity continue, I believe providers have an important role to play. Not because providers are the problem, but because **providers are part of the solution.**

At OPRA, we support efforts that strengthen accountability, improve transparency, and protect public resources. At the same time, we will continue advocating for approaches that are fair, practical, and focused on improving outcomes for people with developmental disabilities.

OPRA is committed to helping providers navigate change with confidence through resources, guidance, and shared best practices.

Thank you for the work you do every day to build trust in our system and support Ohioans with disabilities.

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Pete Moore, President & CEO

clarification or updates, providers should monitor official communications for the most current information. OPRA will continue monitoring developments and sharing updates as additional guidance becomes available.

Does the moratorium prevent new people from enrolling on waivers? No. The moratorium applies to certain provider enrollments—not to people receiving services.

Can existing providers continue serving new people? Yes. Existing providers may continue accepting referrals and providing services.

Can people move to a new apartment or home and continue receiving services? Yes. The moratorium does not prevent individuals from moving or receiving supports in a new home.

Can providers support someone at a new, community employment location? Yes. Providers may continue supporting individuals at new community employment sites.

Can existing Adult Day providers relocate their program? Yes. Existing Adult Day providers may relocate their program if the new location meets all other requirements.

Can existing providers continue normal operations or offer new services? Yes. Existing providers may continue operating and may offer new services if they meet all applicable requirements.

What Else Was Announced?

The Governor's initiative also included **payment suspension** authority for certain high-risk providers, future **GPS** requirements for EVV users, mandatory **EVV** for live-in caregivers, and **emergency rule-making** related to fraud prevention efforts.

For more information on **OPRA membership**, including **program integrity resources** available to members only, please contact Sonya Summers, Member Communications Manager.

