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Good afternoon! Sending along a few items of interest.

Thanks,
David

OSHA Vaccine Mandate back in play

Late Friday the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated the OSHA Vaccination ETS for companies with 100+ employees. OSHA issued this in November and it requires employers with more than 100 employees to ensure employees get vaccinated. (There are provisions in the ETS for religious and medical accommodations, and weekly testing).

After the court's order OSHA updated their Vaccination ETS webpage to state:

“To account for any uncertainty created by the stay, OSHA is exercising enforcement discretion with respect to the compliance dates of the ETS. To provide employers with sufficient time to come into compliance, OSHA will not issue citations for noncompliance with any requirements of the ETS before January 10 and will not issue citations for noncompliance with the standard’s testing requirements before February 9, so long as an employer is exercising reasonable, good faith efforts to come into compliance with the standard. OSHA will work closely with the regulated community to provide compliance assistance.”

This decision is likely to be appealed to the Supreme Court. However, Providers should continue policy planning and preparing for implementation by the dates listed above.

ARPA Provider Relief funds

Ohio's Legislature passed a bill appropriating the ARPA funds coming from the Federal government, but we're still waiting for CMS to approve Ohio's plan. It appears the bill passed by Ohio's Legislature bases HCBS waiver provider's funding **on a percentage of their claims made between 11/1/20 – 10/31/21. Make sure all your billing during that period has been entered.**

Free Virtual Cooking Class!

Some of you may have heard about Cooking Matters, a free Zoom class offered by the OSU-Extension for adults in the community who want to learn to cook.

It will be on Mondays, 6:30pm-8:00pm January 10, 24, 31 and February 7, 14, 28 (To receive prizes must attend all 6 classes)

This is open to everyone in Licking County, but we're getting early access if folks we support are interested in learning about cooking. They can do the class on Zoom by themselves or with a support person or family member. The class will meet Monday evenings for discussion and participants will have a week to make a dish and do a fun food-related assignment. Then they'll come back to class and talk about how it went. There are even going to be demos by a guest chef!

If they complete the assignments, participants will get gift cards in the mail to buy groceries and supplies. If they complete all six classes, they will get a FREE small appliance and a cookbook.

Class size is limited so people will want to pre-register ASAP.

To pre-register contact:

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Night to Shine 2022

Night to Shine is at a new location this year, Northside Baptist Church, and it will be virtual this year. If someone you serve would like to sign up, please share this link with them:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PD1o91Je9Kl_ECPFXCowdyD6Ah_ioNoAV9tau65Zshg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR3CJVL2Xb79GPnwJJXE9e7UCDd4s5zyRPL6FgLuKBf-91T08W8PzQx8Rww&edit_requested=true

They are in need of volunteers for this year and we will share volunteering information as it becomes available.

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