

OSHIIP News This Week: October 16, 2015

****End of fiscal year reports:** Please send in any CCFs and PAMs for 10/1/2014-9/30/2015. Our federal funders will run this annual report at the end of October. This final number will establish our federal SHIP ranking (we know we are #1, we want the feds to know too!)**

Send us Your OSHIIP Reporting Forms: Click below for our EZ forms. Save these files on your computer and use your keyboard to complete. Fax or email reports to our office for recording.

- As a Word document you can edit:
[EZ Client Contact Form](#) [EZ Public and Media Form](#)
- As a .pdf file you can edit:
[EZ CCF in editable pdf](#) [EZ PAM in editable pdf](#)

Add to your forms any dollars \$aved for your client – or reply to this message with dollars \$aved.

Or enter your own counseling work at the national [Medicare reporting site](#).

OSHIIP Stats for Week ending October 9, 2015:

- Handled 1,310 Incoming Calls
- Entered 1,841 Client Contact Forms
- Conducted 50 Public and Media Events
- \$ Saved Ohioans \$251,437 for the week (\$11,354,261 for the calendar year)

October OSHIIP Webinar Plan Finder Review:

Audio replay: 1-888-203-1112, passcode: 319598872, Video recording (without audio) can be retrieved here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/7597956670814030593>. To access the video, you will need to enter your name and email. You will want to watch the video while listening to the audio replay.

2016 Medicare Open Enrollment Begins: October 15, marked the beginning of the 2016 Medicare Open Enrollment Period. Medicare beneficiaries have until December 7 to change, enroll or drop their current Medicare Part D or Medicare Advantage Plan. According to a Kaiser Health Study, current enrollees in stand-alone Medicare Part D plans are projected to face an average 13% increase in premiums if they remain in their current plan for 2016. [Click here](#) to read the analysis. Encourage your Medicare beneficiaries to do a Part D comparison. And be sure to report any dollars saved to OSHIIP!

SSA News Release: [Law Does Not Provide for a Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustment for 2016](#)

Flu + You: Education Materials: Flu season is upon us. Influenza is a contagious illness that poses a serious threat to older adults. The National Council on Aging has developed a flu education program about the seriousness of the flu and the importance of vaccination for prevention. The NCOA website

includes flu facts, survey results, flu resources, and flu events happening in the community. [Click here](#) to view details about the program. Remember, Medicare Part B pays for the annual flu vaccines. The beneficiary should have no coinsurance.

New/Updated CMS Publications

[2016 Medicare & You Handbook](#)

[4 Ways to Help Lower your Medicare Prescription Drug Costs](#)

[Things to Think About When You Compare Medicare Drug Coverage](#)

[Understanding Medicare Enrollment Periods](#)

Register for an OSHIIP Volunteer Refresher Training Webinar: To attend, call 1-877-820-7831 and enter passcode 896960.

Tuesday November 10

Predatory Sales

To register for this webinar, click the link below:

10am: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4064521022730663170>

2pm: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5463739729029115138>

Thursday December 10 and December 17, 10am & 2pm

2015 Refresher Roundup

To register for this webinar, click the link below:

Dec. 10, 10am: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/716719222385589761>

Dec. 10, 2pm: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8502258804086065665>

Dec. 17, 10am: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8385514858472070913>

Dec. 17, 2pm: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4282814762774746369>

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