

OSHIIP News This Week: April 10, 2015

Send in 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. **(We have until 5/31/15 to get all the reports in for the 2014 grant year).**

- As a Word document you can edit:
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Add to your forms any dollars \$aved for your client – or reply to this message with dollars \$aved.

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OSHIIP Stats for Week of April 10, 2015:

- 659 Calls Handled
- 760 CCFs Reported
- 17 PAMs reaching 386 Ohioans
- \$324,976 saved (2015=\$5,884,379)
- Grant Year 2014, CCFs= 262,836 & PAMs= 2,658

Register for April's Webinar Next week: (a list of other monthly webinars is below)

Thursday, April 16

OPERS: Connector Readiness

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

10 AM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7232820947487026945>

2 PM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7719099756080269057>

Aetna Fined \$1 million: As previously reported in the OSHIIP weekly news, Aetna had major issues with their pharmacy network information provided on the plan finder tool on medicare.gov during this past Annual Enrollment Period. Aetna reported 6,887 non-network retail pharmacies were erroneously identified by Aetna as “retail in-network” for 2015. Because of this action, CMS is imposing a penalty of \$1 million. To read the full audit [click here](#).

2016 Part D Parameters: CMS released the 2016 Call Letter which includes rules and parameters for MA and PDP's to follow and set as they work on their plan structures for 2016. This also includes the Part D Basic Plan structure (see table below). The complete rule can be [read here](#).

Standard Part D Benefit Parameters

Benefit Parameters	2015	2016
Deductible	\$320	\$360
Initial Coverage Limit	\$2,960	\$3,310
Out-of-Pocket Threshold	\$4,700	\$4,850
Total Covered Drug Spending at OOP Threshold	\$6,680	\$7,062.50
Minimum Cost-Sharing in Catastrophic Coverage	\$2.65/\$6.60	\$2.95/\$7.40
Extra Help Copayments	2015	2016
Institutionalized	\$0	\$0
Receiving Home and Community-Based Services	\$0	\$0
Up to or at 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	\$1.20/\$3.60	\$1.20/\$3.60
Full Extra Help	\$2.65/\$6.65	\$2.95/\$7.40
Partial Extra Help (Deductible/Cost-Sharing)	\$66/15%	\$74/15%

Good News Story: OSHIIP ICA-2 Peggy McDaniel helped a beneficiary get approval for a power wheelchair, which he had been trying to get since June 2014. The beneficiary is a quadriplegic who was having problems with his current power wheelchair, which was 18 years old. When OSHIIP received the complaint, NGS denied the need for the power recline seating. The DME provider and physician did provide clear records for the medical necessity of the wheelchair. The DME provider and the beneficiary had given up on ever getting the power wheelchair approved. After numerous calls and e-mails to CMS and NGS, OSHIIP was able to gain approval of the Advance Determination of Medicare Coverage for a Reclining Power Wheelchair for the beneficiary. Both Peggy and the beneficiary were crying tears of joy over the phone about the good news.

Register for an OSHIIP Volunteer Refresher Training Webinar:

Thursday, May 14

Medicare and Federal Employee Health Benefits

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

10 AM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/899158983422868738>

2 PM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1771795182900361218>

Tuesday, June 23 2pm and Thursday, June 25 10am *(please note, this webinar is offered on two different dates)*

Social Security Updates

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

June 23 2 PM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4263392985486821122>

June 25 10 AM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6857678576596427010>

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