

OSHIIP News This Week: December 19, 2014

Please note: OSHIIP will not send another weekly email until the week ending January 9. Meantime:



Stats Update: During the first week after open enrollment ended – through Dec. 12 – OSHIIP:

- Handled **822** calls (Grant Year 2014 total calls handled: **34,068**)
- Counseled **760** clients (GY14 total: **128,402**)
- Held **5** Public & Media events, reaching **221** Ohioans (GY14 total: **1,910**)
- Saved Ohio's people on Medicare **\$1,413,275** (CY 2014 total: **\$16,455,448!**)

OSHIIP Reporting Forms: As a courtesy to you, our staff is currently calling all volunteers to collect your forms. Save our EZ forms 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 log on to the national [Medicare reporting site](#) where you can enter your own counseling work.

Wednesday, January 14

State of the SHIP

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

10 AM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/189954190573195266>

2 PM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8467317418005862914>

Wednesday, February 18

Medicare Part B Review

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

10 AM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5157751134671894273>

2 PM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3811522291762538753>

Equitable Relief and How it Works: Federal law allows for equitable relief, an administrative process giving Medicare beneficiaries an opportunity to request relief from the Social Security Administration (SSA) regarding Part B late enrollments and premium penalties.

The Medicare Rights Center describes those who may be eligible to request relief, explains the request process, and provides a sample letter to SSA in [this read-only document](#).

Get Ready for MyCare: Starting January 1, MyCare Ohio enrollees will begin also receiving their Medicare services through their MyCare plan, unless they choose to opt out. Ohio Consumer Voice for Integrated Care (OCVIC) offers [this helpful document](#).

Medicare Advantage in 2015: Nationally, about 30% of all people on Medicare are covered under Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, and beneficiaries have a choice of 18 MA plans on average. These are just two findings in a [new analysis of MA plans](#) conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

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