

OSHIIP News This Week: December 5, 2014

REMINDER: Open Enrollment Ends December 7

- **Thank you** for all you've done to assist Ohio Medicare beneficiaries. Medicare's Plan Finder presented a number of challenges this year and we appreciate your perseverance.
- Please continue to **share your dollars saved and good news stories** with us. Here's an example: just this week **Huron County Coordinator Jill Schafer saved more than \$154,000** for a cancer patient by simply identifying a different plan.
- If you hear from **clients who try to reach you or OSHIIP prior to Dec. 7 without success**, we will work with them next week to assure proper plan selections.
- Please remember to **submit all your CCFs and PAMs!**

Stats Update: During the week ending Nov. 29, OSHIIP:

- Handled **1,060** calls (Grant Year 2014 total calls handled: **31,191**)
- Counseled **1,026** clients (GY14 total clients: **111,194**)
- Held **17** Public & Media events, reaching **59,369** Ohioans (GY14 PAM total: **1,835**)
- Saved Ohio's people on Medicare **\$594,220** (Calendar Year 2014 total: **\$13,537,509!**)

OSHIIP Reporting 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.

Of course, you can enter your own counseling work at the national [Medicare reporting site](#).

Register for Upcoming OSHIIP Webinars:

To attend, call 1-877-820-7831 and enter passcode 896960.

Wednesday, December 10

Final OSHIIP Refresher Training - with MyCare Ohio Ombudsman

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

10 AM: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/391925313>

2 PM: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/296042288>

Monday, December 15

Welcome to Medicare – *Open to the public; invite your clients*

To register for this webinar, click the link below:

6 PM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/108976902>

Thursday, December 18

Final OSHIP Refresher Training – with MyCare Ohio Ombudsman

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

10 AM: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/790134209>

2 PM: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/973064121>

Review Part C and Part D Enrollment Periods: After Medicare’s initial enrollment period – which occurs at age 65 for most people – enrollment times for Advantage plans (Part C) and prescription drug plans (Part D) are limited. Medicare provides [this publication](#) to describe how it all works.

Medicare Fraud Matters: This week we received notice on two items about attempts by Medicare to combat fraud.

- To improve its ability to stop “bad actors” from participating as Medicare providers, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized new safeguards. [Read the fact sheet.](#)
- CMS also announced a three-year pilot program – limited to New Jersey, Pennsylvania and South Carolina – designed to reduce fraudulent billing for non-emergency ambulance use through prior authorization. [Read about the pilot program.](#)

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