

OSHIIP News This Week: January 9, 2015

From everyone at OSHIIP... Best wishes for a Happy, Prosperous New Year

Stats Update: Please be sure all of your 2014 contacts and dollars saved are reported by Jan. 31. All volunteers need to report CCFs or PAMs for 2014 to be renewed as a volunteer in 2015.

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](#).

For week of 1/5/14.... As of Friday January 9, 2015

- Handled 697 calls (45,930 for CY2014)
- Counseled 636 clients (185,347 for CY2014 and 154,997 for GY2014)
- Held 3 Public & Media events, reaching 3025 Ohioans (CY2014= 2474 and GY14= 2038 _
- Saved \$116,219 (CY 2014 total: \$17,559,278)

Wednesday, January 14

State of the SHIP

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

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

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Wednesday, February 18

Medicare Part B Review

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Wednesday, March 18

Medicare Advantage vs. MedSup

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Aetna & Network Pharmacies: Consumers who chose Aetna for prescription drug coverage during the recent open enrollment may find their preferred pharmacy is not in Aetna's network, even though the pharmacy was listed as part of the company's network on the Medicare Plan Finder. The information Aetna provided for 2015 showed its network had not changed from 2014, but it was not correct.

Medicare has asked us to file a complaint on behalf of any affected consumer. Complaints will be considered on a case-by-case basis. To help file a complaint for your client, please call OSHIP's Volunteer Hotline – 1-888-686-8657 – and select option 3.

Updated Qualifying LIS Resource Amounts: The Social Security Administration has announced increased total resource eligibility amounts for the Part D Low-Income Subsidy (LIS). Also known as "Extra Help," the subsidy limits the combined savings, investments, and real estate for married couples who live together to **\$27,250**; the limit for people not currently married or living with a spouse to **\$13,640**. SSA does not count the home, vehicles, personal possessions, life insurance, burial plots, irrevocable burial contracts or back payments from Social Security or SSI. Updated qualifying income amounts will be announced shortly.

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