

OSHIIP News This Week: July 29, 2016

There will not be a weekly report next week. It is the end of the month. Be sure to get your July reports in this week.

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 July 22, 2016

- Handled 662 Incoming Calls
- Entered 706 Client Contact Forms
- Conducted 14 Public and Media Events
- \$ Saved Ohioans \$162,180 for the week (\$10,401,377 for the calendar year)

OSHIIP is Hiring: OSHIIP is hiring full-time temporary Medicare hotline analysts for the fall open enrollment. To apply for the job go through the State of Ohio government jobs website at <http://careers.ohio.gov> . Search for jobs in the Department of Insurance.

Medicaid Changes: The Ohio Department of Medicaid has told local JFS case workers to refer people who have spenddowns and will be losing Medicaid to contact the OSHIIP hotline. OSHIIP is also ENCOURAGING Medicaid to send this demographic to us so that we may find the best Medicare options for them. We cannot help them with their Medicaid questions, but we certainly can help evaluate their MSP, LIS or MA options. Please keep in mind that many of them may be very confused and it may take some extra probing to determine the assistance they need. In your county, you may want to let your local JFS office know you are there to help as well.

Hospital Compare: When individuals and their families need to make important decisions about health care, they seek a reliable way to understand the best choice for themselves or their loved ones. That's why over the past decade, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has published information about the quality of care across the five different health care settings that most families

encounter. These easy-to-understand star ratings are available online and empower people to compare and choose across various types of facilities from nursing homes to home health agencies. CMS updated the star ratings on the Hospital Compare website to help millions of patients and their families learn about the quality of hospitals, compare facilities in their area side-by-side, and ask important questions about care quality when visiting a hospital or other health care provider. Read more in [this week's](#) CMS blog.

Register for an OSHIP Volunteer Refresher Training Webinar:

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

Tuesday August 23, 2016 – VA Benefits

10am: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4596149193543602947>

2pm: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5049839577001195011>

Wednesday September 21 – Railroad Board

10am: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8545956699840675075>

2pm: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2940813547206059523>

Thursday October 13: Plan Finder Review

10am: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7089264323101215746>

2pm: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7412217276458167554>
