

OSHIIP News This Week: July 31, 2015

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OSHIIP Stats for Week of July 24, 2015:

- Handled 588 Incoming Calls
- Entered 773 client contact Forms
- Conducted 19 Public Media Events
- \$ Saved Ohioans \$82,869 for the week (calendar year \$ Saved \$8,062,870)

OPERS/One Exchange Website: The Ohio Public Employee Retirement System is ending their group sponsored Medicare Advantage plan as of December 31, 2015. OPERS is working with One Exchange from Towers Watson, to help retirees enroll in a Medicare supplemental plan, Part D plan or a Medicare Advantage plan. [Here is a website](#) for OPERS retirees to get further information and to create an account with One Exchange. Any questions about these changes should be referred to the One Exchange hotline at 1-844-287-9945.

50th Anniversary of Medicare: As Medicare and Medicaid celebrate their 50th anniversary protecting the health and well-being of millions of seniors, people with disabilities and low-income individuals, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released updated Medicare state-by-state enrollment numbers, showing that more than 55 million Americans are covered by Medicare. The [chart here](#) outlines enrollment as of May 2015 in Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage and Part D. Ohio has over 1.2 million beneficiaries – 6th largest in the country.

Social Security Faith Week of Action: As part of Social Security's 80th anniversary celebration, SSA is inviting faith and community leaders from across the country to participate in **Social Security Faith Week of Action** from **Sunday, August 2 through Saturday, August 8, 2015**. This special week will highlight SSA and encourage individuals to take charge of their financial future by creating a secure *my Social Security* account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. To participate, please visit the *Faith Week of Action* web page at www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty/faithaction. When we receive your RSVP, we will send a confirmation email and an event planning toolkit.

CMS Fraud Prevention System: After three years of operations, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reported that the agency's advanced analytics system, called the Fraud Prevention System, identified or prevented \$820 million in inappropriate payments in the program's first three years. The Fraud Prevention System uses predictive analytics to identify troublesome billing patterns and outlier claims for action, similar to systems used by credit card companies. The Fraud Prevention System identified or prevented [\\$454 million in Calendar Year 2014](#) alone, a 10 to 1 return on investment.

To report Medicare Fraud in Ohio, call the Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-800-488-6070.

If you visit the Ohio State Fair on Senior Day on August 4, stop by the Marketplace building and visit the Ohio Department of Insurance booth (#611) to learn more about insurance fraud and how to report it.

2016 Part D Plan Premiums to remain stable: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) projected this week that the average premium for a basic Medicare Part D prescription drug plan in 2016 will remain stable, at an estimated \$32.50 per month. [Click here](#) to view the 2016 Part D Base Beneficiary Premium, the Part D National Average Monthly Bid Amount, the Part D Regional Low-Income Premium Subsidy Amounts, the De Minimis Amount, the Part D income-related monthly adjustment amounts, and the Medicare Advantage Regional Benchmarks.

Register for an OSHIP Volunteer Refresher Training Webinar: To attend, call 1-877-820-7831 and enter passcode 896960.

Thursday August 27

Medicare DMEPOS and National Government Services: Coverage, Billing, Reviews, and Resources:
Michael Dorris, NGS

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

10 AM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1995657951774852610>

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Wednesday September 16

Medicare and Coordination of Benefits: David Santana, CMS Outreach and Education team

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