

OSHIIP News This Week: May 13, 2016

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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 May 7, 2016

- Handled 714 Incoming Calls
- Entered 1,438 Client Contact Forms
- Conducted 24 Public and Media Events
- \$ Saved Ohioans \$247,663 for the week (\$5,919,634 for the calendar year)

Disability Determination Redesign: Letters were sent the week of May 3rd to those affected by the change in the disability determination process beginning July 1, 2016. This includes Ohioans who will need to establish a [Qualified Income Trust \(QIT\)](#) or enroll in [Specialized Recovery Services \(SRS\)](#) to qualify for Medicaid. [Here is](#) more information, a copy of the sample letters and an overview of the redesign.

Follow up questions from the April OSHIIP webinar with Ohio Medicaid about the upcoming changes:

1. What would happen to recurring spend down folks who are enrolled in My Care?
 - a. These individual will be maintained in the MyCare status after DDR is implemented at least until their next Medicaid re-determination.
2. In regards to notices sent to those impacted by the changes, as stated above, the only individuals who will receive the letters are those in long-term care, facility based or waiver, who will require a QIT.

New/Updated CMS Publications:

[Medicare Supplemental Insurance: Getting Started](#)

[Medicare and Your Mental Health Benefits: Getting Started](#)

[Medicare and Your Hospital Benefits: Getting Started](#)

SSA Q & A: *"I work in retirement. How much can I earn and still collect full Social Security retirement benefits?"* Social Security uses the formulas below, depending on your age, to determine how much you can earn before we must reduce your benefit:

- **If you are younger than full retirement age:** \$1 in benefits will be deducted for each \$2 you earn above the annual limit. For 2016, that limit is \$15,720.
- **In the year you reach your full retirement age:** \$1 in benefits will be deducted for each \$3 you earn above a different limit, but we count only earnings before the month you reach full retirement age. For 2016, this limit is \$41,880.
- **Starting with the month you reach full retirement age:** you will get your benefits with no limit on your earnings.

Find out your full retirement age at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm.

Register for an OSHIP Volunteer Refresher Training Webinar :

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

Wednesday May 18, 2016 – Medicare Advantage vs. Medicare Supplement

10am: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2402048450599109123>

2pm: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8555558733935891459>

Wednesday June 15, 2016 – Ohio Marketplace Navigators

10am: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3252770284396511489>

2pm: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3015454993255273988>

Thursday July 14, 2016 – Ohio School Employee Retirement System (SERS)

10am: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7946117031504480004>

2pm: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2185660164865121028>
