



Thank you to the brave men and women who have given their lives and those who bravely fight for our freedom. In observance of Memorial Day, OSHIIP offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 and will reopen on Tuesday, May 31.

OSHIIP News This Week: May 27, 2016

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 May 20, 2016

- Handled 670 Incoming Calls
- Entered 808 Client Contact Forms
- Conducted 7 Public and Media Events
- \$ Saved Ohioans \$117,496 for the week (\$6,452,342 for the calendar year)

Providing Quality, Affordable DME: Since 2011, CMS have operated the DMEPOS competitive bidding program to set payment amounts for covered DMEPOS items in certain areas in the country. The Program has saved more than \$580 million in nine markets at the end of the Round 1 Rebid's three-year contract period (January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013). And, after the first two years of Round 2 and the national mail-order programs (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015), Medicare has saved approximately \$3.6 billion. Health monitoring data indicate that its implementation is going smoothly with few inquiries or complaints and no negative impact on beneficiary health outcomes. By all measures, the DMEPOS competitive bidding program has been a great success for beneficiaries and taxpayers. The monitoring data are available [here](#).

OPERS Blog - HRA Guidance: In the month of May, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System's [on-line blog](#) includes information and videos to help retirees understand how to be reimbursed through their Health Retirement Account. There is a series of four blog posts: 1. How to pay medical and

prescription drug premiums, 2. Guide on Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, 3. Reimbursements for non-Medicare dependent, 4. Overview of eligible expenses for reimbursement.

New Report Finds Significant Health Concerns for Future Seniors: Increasing rates of diabetes and obesity among middle-aged Americans (50-64 years old), coupled with the massive growth in the senior population over the next 15 years, are likely to significantly affect the health and quality of life for the next generation of seniors, according to some of the key findings of the 2016 United Health Foundation's [America's Health Rankings Senior Report](#).

See Ohio's stats [here](#).

Changes to United Steelworkers Health and Drug Plans: Retired steelworkers are receiving letters this month regarding changes to their Medicare health and drug coverage. [This link](#) explains the letters and options for affected retirees. These changes take effect July 1, 2016.

Register for an OSHIIP Volunteer Refresher Training Webinar:

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

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>

Tuesday August 23, 2016 – VA Benefits

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

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