

OSHIIP News This Week: May 29, 2015

****NOTE: The shipnpr.shiptalk.org national reporting site will be unavailable at midnight on June 4. The latest expected return is June 10.**

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 saved for your client – or reply to this message with dollars saved.

Or enter your own counseling work at the national [Medicare reporting site](#).

OSHIIP Stats for Week of May 15, 2015:

- 692 Incoming calls
- 1,459 Counseling sessions reported by staff & volunteers
- 13 Public events reaching 6,351 Ohioans
- \$95,741 saved this week (\$6,765,208 for 2015)

Counting Dollars Saved: Are you keeping track of the dollars you save for your clients? Below are some tips on how to track dollars saved. And report any savings to OSHIIP when you send in your CCFs!

- Helping people change from one drug plan to another. Subtract the difference in the estimated cost of the plans to see how much they saved. If someone is new to Medicare, you can use the difference between the total retail cost of their drugs and the cost with the least expensive Part D or Medicare Advantage plan. These amounts are on medicare.gov.
- Helping someone resolve a claim that wasn't paid. For instance, if someone was charged the wrong copay at the doctor, and you helped them fix it, or anytime you get a refund for a client on amounts they were improperly billed or the client paid in error.
- Helping clients complete a LIS and/or MSP application.
 - Average savings for extra help is \$4000. You can count that every time you help a client fill out an LIS application and you are confident they will be awarded.
 - Part B savings for a Medicare Saving's Program (QMB/SLMB/QI) is \$1,200 (\$104.90 x 12) if you help someone apply for one of those programs.

Feel free to use [this spreadsheet](#) to track your dollars saved and then forward to OSHIIP.

Get Free Stuff for Go4Life Month : [Go4Life](#)[®], the national exercise and physical activity campaign for people 50+, is offering free resources to help organizations and individuals get involved in the movement. The *Go4Life Month* offers exercise guides, DVDs, motivational flyers, tip sheets, and Spanish resources that can be downloaded or ordered online. *Go4Life Month* will be celebrated in collaboration with the White House Conference on Aging this coming September. [Click here](#) to view free resources from Go4Life Month.

Lake County OSHIIP Volunteers Awarded: During senior day at the Great Lakes Mall in Mentor last week, the Lake County commissioners presented the 2015 Outstanding Senior Citizen Award, given to volunteers who have significantly impacted the community through their work, to the OSHIIP volunteers at the Lake County Council on Aging. Congratulations! Thank you for all you do for Medicare Beneficiaries in Lake County and thank you LCCOA for your support of OSHIIP! [Volunteers pictured](#) from left to right: Joe Tomsick (LCCOA CEO), Amy McGinnis, Susan Horwitz, Pat Kohut, Audrey Brown, and Dianne Bottiggi (LCCOA volunteer coordinator).

Register for an OSHIIP Volunteer Refresher Training Webinar:

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

Tuesday, June 23 2pm and Thursday, June 25 10am (*please note, this webinar is offered on two different dates*)

Social Security Updates

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

June 23 2 PM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4263392985486821122>

June 25 10 AM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6857678576596427010>

Thursday July 23

Part B Provider Outreach & Education: Patsy Schwenk, CGS, Provider Relations Senior Analyst

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

10 AM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4228219609444467714>

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