

OSHIIP News This Week: November 18, 2016

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Add to your forms any dollars \$saved for your client or [email us](#) the amount \$saved. Or enter your own counseling work at the national [Medicare reporting site](#).

OSHIIP Stats for the Week Ending 11/12/16

- Calls: 1,087
- CCF's: 1,304
- PAM's: 19
- \$Saved: \$573,343
- CY \$Saved: \$21,036,299

Parts A & B Premiums and Deductibles Announced for 2017

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the 2017 premiums for the Medicare inpatient hospital (Part A) and physician and outpatient hospital services (Part B) programs.

About 30% of Medicare beneficiaries who are not protected by the hold harmless provision will see their monthly Part B premium rise to \$134. In addition, the Part B deductible will go up to \$183 and the Part A deductible to \$1,316.

This [chart](#) displays the premiums and cost-sharing amounts your clients can expect to pay. [Read more](#)

Updated Medicare and Medicaid Spending Dashboard

The increased costs of prescription drugs are one of the most critical items for American families. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has incorporated additional features to its drug costs tracking database and new data for Medicare beneficiaries to access when researching prescription drugs. [Read more](#)

Medicare Discontinues Paying for Arriva Medical Home Delivered Diabetes Testing Supplies

Medicare announced starting Nov. 4th that it will no longer pay for Arriva Medical home delivered diabetes testing supplies. Those who want Medicare to continue paying for home delivered diabetes testing supplies need to switch to a Medicare national mail-order contract supplier. Visit www.medicare.gov/supplier or call 1-800-MEDICARE for more information.

Inappropriate Steering of Medicare Beneficiaries into Marketplace Plans Examined

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is seeking public comment on concerns that some health care providers and provider-affiliated organizations may be steering people eligible for, or receiving, Medicare and/or Medicaid benefits into Affordable Care Act-compliant individual market plans for the purpose of obtaining higher reimbursement rates. This includes Health Insurance Marketplace plans. [Read more](#)

Register for OSHIIP Volunteer Refresher Training Webinar

This is your final chance to get in your 2016 refresher training to continue being a certified OSHIIP volunteer in 2017. To attend, call 1-877-820-7831 and enter passcode 896960.

12/15/16 & 12/21/16 - 2016 Refresher Wrap-Up

- 12/15/16, 10 a.m.: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/508630058121399043>
- 12/21/16, 2 p.m.: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7889735178265424643>

Medicare 101 Webinar Replay

Did you miss this month's OSHIIP webinar? You can replay it. For audio call 1-888-203-1112. The replay passcode is 489662114. A copy of the presentation is available [here](#). The audio is available until Dec. 16th.