

OSHIIP News This Week: November 21, 2014

Happy Thanksgiving!

Please note: due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no OSHIIP weekly email next Friday.

Stats Update: During the week ending Nov. 15, OSHIIP:

- Handled **1,483** Calls (Grant Year 2014 total calls handled: **28,121**)
- Counseled **1,597** Clients (GY14 total clients: **104,750**)
- Held **22** Public & Media events, reaching **2,506** Ohioans (GY14 PAM total: **1,742**)
- Saved Ohio's people on Medicare **\$434,249** (Calendar Year 2014 total: **\$12,255,040!**)

OSHIIP Reporting Forms: Save our EZ forms 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.

Of course, you can enter your own counseling work at the national [Medicare reporting site](#).

Replay Tuesday's QIO Webinar: Important information from two sources on Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) under Medicare can be yours by replaying our most recent webinar, originally presented Nov. 18. Learn all about QIOs from both KEPRO and Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG). Listen to the recorded webinar while you scroll through the presentations.

- Get the [KEPRO presentation](#)
- Get the [HSAG presentation](#)

Replay the recording through Dec. 17 by calling 1-888-203-1112; use passcode 479462120.

Prescription Assistance: We all have clients who have trouble affording their prescriptions. For some of these clients, various organizations – including drug manufacturers – can help....

The [Rx Assist website](#) has a lot of great information, including:

- [This document](#) on Medicare and Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs) – lists participating companies and the prescriptions available for people on Medicare
- And [this document](#) – offers organization names and website links, arranged by disease

UHC Advantage Plan Network Matters: As of Dec. 31, the Medicare Advantage network agreement UnitedHealthcare (UHC) has with the University of Cincinnati ends. The company is trying to renew the contract with the university's health system, called UC Health. [Read the letter UHC sent to OSHIIP](#) regarding the situation.

Register for Upcoming OSHIIP Webinars:

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

Wednesday, December 10

Final OSHIIP Refresher Training - with MyCare Ohio Ombudsman

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

10 AM: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/391925313>

2 PM: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/296042288>

Monday, December 15

Welcome to Medicare – *Open to the public; invite your clients*

To register for this webinar, click the link below:

6 PM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/108976902>

Thursday, December 18

Final OSHIIP Refresher Training – with MyCare Ohio Ombudsman

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

10 AM: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/790134209>

2 PM: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/973064121>

Understanding Medicare Webinar: The CMS National Training Program will host an “Understanding Medicare” webinar. Designed for new partners who counsel people with Medicare and for partners requiring a refresher, participants will receive a high-level overview of Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance), Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance), Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage), and Medicare Part D (Medicare prescription drug coverage). Continuing education credits are **NOT** offered for this session.

Date & time: Wednesday, December 3, 2014; 1 PM – 3 PM. [Click here to register.](#)

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