

OSHIIP News This Week: April 17, 2015

National Volunteer Week: *Thank you – OSHIIP Volunteers – for all you do for Ohio Medicare beneficiaries. OSHIIP staff cannot thank you enough! We have the best volunteers!*

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 of April 17, 2015:

- 734 incoming calls handled
- 755 CCFs reported
- 16 PAM reaching 8,367 Ohioans
- \$125,163 saved for 2015 total of \$6,009,542

Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015: The President signed into law this week the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (**MACRA**), also known as the “Doc Fix.” In addition to changing the formula that doctors and other providers are paid by Medicare, the law makes QI permanent and expands MIPPA funds for outreach and enrollment for low-income Medicare beneficiaries for FY16 and FY17. The law also removes coverage for the Part B deductible from MedSup plans C & F as of 1/1/20. [Here](#) is a statement from the National Council on Aging about QI.

April OSHIIP Webinar: OPERS connector Readiness. To hear the audio call 1-888-203-1112, replay passcode: 232500165. We do not have slides from the webinar, but you can view the slides and other information from [OPERS here](#). For a copy of the April presentation, click the video “*Connector Readiness 2016 Educational Presentation*.”

New CMS Publications:

[Quick Facts About Payment for Outpatient Services for People with Medicare Part B](#)

[How Retiree Coverage Works with Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage](#)

CMS Adds Star Ratings to Hospital Compare: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the first time introduced star ratings on [Hospital Compare](#), the agency's public information website, to make it easier for consumers to choose a hospital and understand the quality of care they deliver. The Hospital Compare star ratings relate to patients' experience of care at almost 3,500 Medicare-certified acute care hospitals. The ratings are based on data from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey (HCAHPS) measures that are included in Hospital Compare.

Register for an OSHIP Volunteer Refresher Training Webinar:

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

Thursday, May 14

Medicare and Federal Employee Health Benefits

To register for this webinar, click a link below:

10 AM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/899158983422868738>

2 PM: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1771795182900361218>

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>

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