

## OSHIIP News This Week: January 23, 2015

**\*\*Please be sure all of your 2014 contacts and dollars saved are reported by Jan. 31. All volunteers need to report CCFs or PAMs for 2014 to be renewed as a volunteer in 2015.**

**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 1/19/2015 as of Friday January 23, 2015:

- 1069 Incoming calls
- 969 Counseling sessions reported by staff & volunteers (GY14= 165362)
- 18 Public events reaching 43,492 Ohioans (GY14= 2120)
- \$ 444,566 dollars saved (\$721,798 Accumulative Total for CY2015)

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Social Security announced effective March 16, 2015, as a result of Congress' approval of the fiscal year 2015 budget, the agency will expand its hours nationwide and offices will be open to the public for an additional hour (until 4p) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Offices will continue to close to the public at noon every Wednesday so employees have time to complete current work and reduce backlogs.

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) added star ratings to the Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC) website. These ratings summarize performance data, making it easier for consumers to use the information on the website. These ratings also spotlight excellence in health care quality. In addition to posting the star ratings, CMS updated data on individual DFC quality measures to reflect the most recent data for the existing measures. For more information on Dialysis Facility Compare, [visit here](#).

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Aetna shared additional information on what they are doing to help beneficiaries affected by the Medicare Plan Finder pharmacy errors. [This document](#) outlines what they are doing. The key points are:

- Aetna has temporarily expanded the affected plans' network pharmacies to help beneficiaries access their medication. This network pharmacy expansion is retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup> and will go through February 28<sup>th</sup> at a minimum. This change has been made in Aetna's systems for all

but one small group of plans. Those plans should be on board by Monday (they'll give us an update when that is completed). The pharmacy benefit manager should be able to call Aetna if there are any questions on this.

- Aetna's plan information should be correct on the Medicare Plan Finder now so if you want to check plan networks you should be able to do so using that tool. Or alternatively you can call Aetna directly to inquire.
- Beneficiaries wishing to switch plans still need to call 1-800-Medicare to receive the SEP.

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**Register for Upcoming OSHIIP Regional Trainings:** This all day training – once again sponsored by Pro Seniors - will include invited speakers from SSA, OPERS, Ohio Kepro, MyCare Ohio Ombudsman and others. [Register today!](#)

- Feb. 26 - Franklin County – State library of Ohio, 274 E. First Ave, Columbus
- March 12 – Washington County – AAA8, 1400 Pike St, Marietta
- March 17 – Lucas County – AAA NW Ohio Inc., 2155 Arlington Ave, Toledo
- March 19 – Hamilton county – Jewish Family Service, 8487 Ridge Rd, Cincinnati
- March 20 – Montgomery county – Vandalia Senior Center, 21 Tionda Dr S, Vandalia
- March 25 – Cuyahoga County – Solon Senior Center, 35000 Portz Pkwy, Solon
- March 31 – Stark County – Mercy Medical Center, Mercy Auditorium, 1320 Mercy Dr, Canton

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