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# OSHIIP NEWS

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## DMEPOS Competitive Bid Program

Many of you have assisted clients on Original Medicare with their need for certain medical equipment and supplies. You should know that Medicare is continuing its competitive bidding program, which has been in place for many areas throughout the country since July 1, 2013. This program helps your clients save money and ensures that they have access to quality medical equipment and supplies from suppliers you can trust.

Under the program, Medicare awards contracts to suppliers of certain medical equipment and supplies every few years. July 1, 2016, marks the start of a new contract period which can change the suppliers who are eligible to provide certain medical equipment and supplies in your area.

Those on Original Medicare, that live in (or travel to) one of the competitive bidding areas and need equipment or supplies included under the program, will likely need to use Medicare contract suppliers for Medicare to help pay for the item. They'll also need to continue to use a Medicare national mail-order contract supplier for Medicare to pay for diabetes testing supplies that are delivered to their home. **To check if an item is included in the program, or to find out the zip codes included in the program, visit [www.Medicare.gov/supplierdirectory](http://www.Medicare.gov/supplierdirectory), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.**

If you're clients are already renting

certain medical equipment or receiving oxygen or oxygen equipment, they may stay with their current supplier if they: 1) continue to be a contract supplier or 2) notify them that they chose to become a "grandfathered" supplier and will continue renting the equipment and/or oxygen. The supplier will notify them if they will not be able to continue renting your equipment or oxygen from them after July 1. This notification will be provided within 30 days of the start of the new contract period to allow time to transition to a contract supplier who will be able to rent the equipment or oxygen.

Make sure to let your clients know about these changes!



The Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program



What You Need to Know

This information is provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

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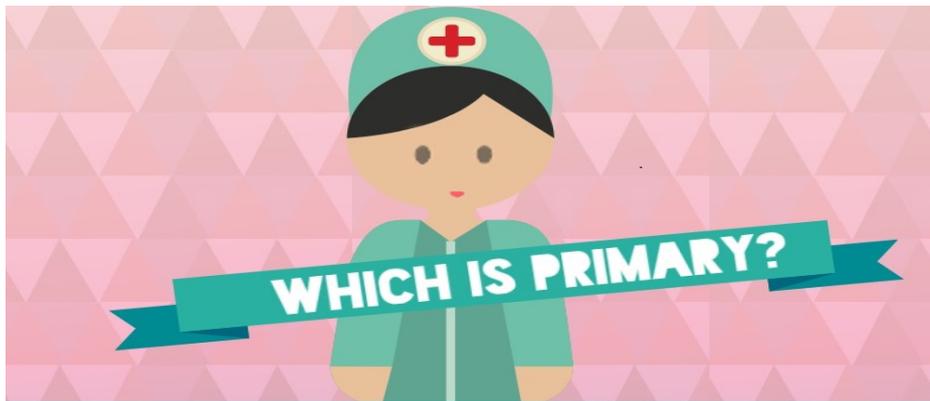
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# Which is Primary? Medicare and Employer Coverage



## Employer Coverage

## Medicare



If you are 65+ and have insurance coverage through your or your spouse's current job with an employer that has 20 or more employees, your employer coverage is primary.

You are 65+



If you are 65+ and have insurance coverage through your or your spouse's current job with an employer that has fewer than 20 employees, Medicare is primary.



If you have Medicare because you get Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and have insurance coverage through your or your family member's current job with an employer that has 100 or more employees, your employer coverage is primary.

You are Under 65 with a Disability or ALS



If you have Medicare because you get Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and have insurance coverage through your or your family member's current job with an employer that has fewer than 100 employees, Medicare is primary.

### Tip

Visit Medicare Interactive for answers to your coverage questions.



### Attention Retirees and Others:

If you have Medicare owing to age or disability and also have insurance coverage from a former employer (e.g., retiree benefits, COBRA), Medicare is primary.

## You Have End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

If you have ESRD, your employer coverage from a current job is primary for the first 2.5 years (30 months) after you are first eligible for Medicare Part A.

Medicare becomes primary after your 30-month "coordination period," regardless of whether you are also entitled to Medicare because of age or disability.



Medicare becomes your primary coverage even if you have not yet applied for Medicare.

If you have Medicare based on ESRD first, you should also enroll in Medicare when you qualify for it on another basis. This is because ESRD Medicare may end after a successful kidney transplant, but you still want to have Medicare to cover your immunosuppressants and other health care needs.

# Volunteer Feature

## Sally Davies



For over 30 years Sally Davies has dedicated her life to non-profit work that includes organizational development, strategic planning, outcome measurements, and development of volunteer services that directly address community needs.

Currently, she is the director of the RSVP program at the Area Office On Aging of Northwestern Ohio. She also serves as the Lucas County Coordinator for OSHIIP.

“When I began with OSHIIP, I had no concept of the essential role that OSHIIP

volunteers and Medicare counseling would grow to play for the Area Office on Aging and RSVP,” said Davies. “I now have a member of the RSVP staff dedicated to providing benefits assistance counseling and education with OSHIIP.”

She believes by using a caring and helpful approach she can connect with each client. She finds great fulfillment in her job and her OSHIIP role, especially when it comes to assisting seniors in making informed decisions and increasing their comfort levels with their health care choices.

“OSHIIP has enabled me to meet so many seniors during the last fifteen years, and I have enjoyed briefly getting to hear about their lives. I regret that we couldn’t always do more to assist those folks who were frustrated with their situations...,” said Davies.

When Sally is not busy, she enjoys traveling with family and friends. She will retire later this summer with plans to relocate to Lexington, Kentucky to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She looks forward to moving to a new community and beginning a new adventure. She hopes to continue to volunteer for the SHIIP program in Lexington. “I have a lifelong commitment to the role volunteerism plays in the life of every community.”

Thank you, Sally, for all of your hard work throughout the years. You have given OSHIIP the most precious thing you will ever own—your time and talent. We wish you a happy retirement and much success in Lexington. You will be missed!



# Webinar Trainings

OSHIIIP hosts webinars each month. Choose a convenient session and receive great information. You will need a computer and phone to participate.

Call 1-877-820-7831 Enter passcode 896960

## Thursday, July 14 – Ohio School Employee Retirement System (SERS)

To register for the 10 a.m. session click here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7946117031504480004>

To register for the 2 p.m. session click here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2185660164865121028>

# Face-to-Face New Volunteer Trainings

The five-day training described below is for volunteers who are new to OSHIIIP. Prospective volunteers are encouraged to consider OSHIIIP's online training as an alternative.

**Cuyahoga County** – July 12, 19, August 2, 9 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) and August 30 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Jewish Federation of Cleveland – Mandel Building  
25701 Science Park Dr.  
Beachwood, OH 44122

For more information about online training click here: <https://www.insurance.ohio.gov/Consumer/OSHIIIP/Documents/OSHIIIP%20online%20training%20flyer072015.pdf>

# New Crew

**Athens Co.**  
Susan Gilfert

**Mahoning Co.**  
Tonisha Villanueva

**Shelby Co.**  
Dianna Lake

**Logan Co.**  
Ashley Baker

**Richland Co.**  
Lanny Hawkins

**Trumbull Co.**  
Jodi Burbick



# 2016 Refresher Trainings

OSHIP will host refresher trainings throughout Ohio for current OSHIP volunteers. Please register in advance by clicking [here: http://www.insurance.ohio.gov/Consumer/OSHIP/SitePages/training.aspx](http://www.insurance.ohio.gov/Consumer/OSHIP/SitePages/training.aspx)

## Lake County

Thursday, July 7  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Lake County Council on Aging  
8520 East Ave.  
Mentor, OH 44060

## Huron County

Tuesday, July 19  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Fisher Titus Hospital  
272 Benedict Ave.  
Norwalk, OH 44857

## Franklin County

Tuesday, August 2  
9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Wexner Heritage Village  
1151 College Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43209

## Medina County

Wednesday, August 10  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Medina County Office for Older  
Adults  
246 Northland Drive, Suite G-20  
Medina, OH 44256

## Cuyahoga County

Tuesday, August 16  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Cleveland Heights Senior Ctr.  
1 Monticello Blvd.  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

## Hamilton / Clermont County

Thursday, August 18  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Union Township Civic Ctr.  
4350 Aicholtz Rd.  
Cincinnati, OH 45245

## Clark County

Wednesday, August 24  
9 a.m.- 12 p.m.  
United Senior Services  
Multipurpose room #2  
125 W. Main St.  
Springfield, OH 45502

## Trumbull County

Wednesday, August 24  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Girard Multi-Generational Ctr.  
443 Trumbull Ave.  
Girard, OH 44420

## Stark County

Tuesday, August 30  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Mercy Medical Center - Theater  
1320 Mercy Dr. NW.  
Canton, OH 44708

## Scioto County

Wednesday, August 31  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Sciotoville Church of the Nazarene  
518 Sycamore St.  
Portsmouth, OH 45662

## Washington County

Wednesday, August 31  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Area Agency on Aging 8  
1400 Pike St.  
Marietta, OH 45750

## Greene County

Wednesday, September 7  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Greene County Council on Aging  
1195 W. 2nd St.  
Xenia, OH 45385

## Allen County

Thursday, September 8  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Allen County Council on Aging  
215 N. Central Ave.  
Lima, Ohio 45801

## Union County

Tuesday, September 13  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Union County Building  
1800 OH-4  
Marysville, OH 43040

## Sandusky County

Wednesday, September 14  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Fremont Memorial Hospital  
715 S. Taft Ave.  
Fremont, OH 43420

## Fayette County

Tuesday, September 27  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Fayette County-  
Commission on Aging  
1179 S. Elm St.  
Washington Courthouse, OH 432160

## Henry County

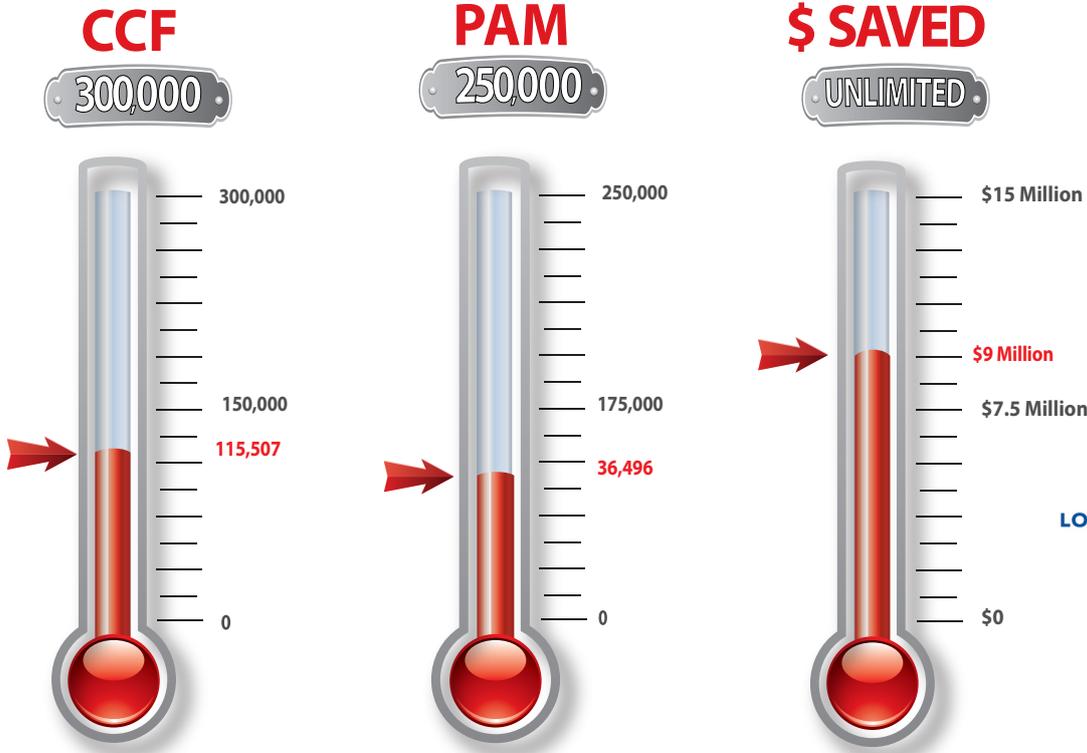
Tuesday, September 27  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Henry County Senior Ctr.  
130 E. Clinton St.  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Lucas County

Tuesday, October 4  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Area Office on Aging of NWO, Inc.  
2155 Arlington Ave.  
Toledo, OH 43609

# Our Progress as of July 2016!

## OSHIIP 2016 Goals



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