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OSHIIP NEWS

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Medicare Open-Enrollment Check-Up Day Events

Medicare's annual open enrollment period is right around the corner! Beginning in early September, OSHIIP will host Medicare Check-Up events throughout the state to help Medicare eligible Ohioans understand their most suitable coverage options. Medicare Open Enrollment begins October 15 through December 7. Any plan elections made during the open enrollment period will go into effect January 1, 2017.

Encourage your clients to make qualitative decisions about their healthcare needs by considering the three "C's":

Coverage: Do their plans cover all their medications and at what tier?

Cost: Is their plan the most cost effective for 2017, and are they aware of all possible out-of-pocket costs?

Convenience: Are their providers and pharmacies in-network or preferred?

As an OSHIIP volunteer, remember to provide objective answers, allowing clients to make their own choices. Additionally, this is an excellent time of year to screen your clients to determine if they qualify for Medicare Savings Programs and 'Extra Help' to pay for prescription drugs.

[Click here for a detailed list of events](#)



The Ohio Department of Insurance
**Medicare
Check-Up Days**

Learn ways to
Stay informed - Stay healthy - Save money

Do you need accurate, unbiased information about Medicare and the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit?

OSHIIP is hosting large public events across the state to assist you in making educated choices for your 2017 health and prescription benefits. OSHIIP will also help in finding lower cost alternatives and assistance.

Get the answers you need this fall with Medicare Check-Up Days, a series of community events presented by the Ohio Department of Insurance and its Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP).

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Mary Taylor
Lt. Governor / Director

How To Help Your Clients Apply Online For Medicare Only



It's so easy! Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov

Welcome to the Social Security Benefit Application

- Clients can apply for benefits by selecting "Start a New Application;" or
- "Return to Saved Application Process."

Information About Client

- Name;
- Social Security number;
- Date of birth; and
- Gender.

Re-entry Number

When your client has successfully started their application, they will get a re-entry number that they can use to:

- Continue application later if they need a break; and
- Check the status of their completed application.

Social Security
The Official Website of the U.S. Social Security Administration

Apply for Benefits

Identification | General | Other Benefits | Remarks | Review & Sign

Medicare Information for Joan Public

Does Joan Public wish to apply for Medicare ONLY, but not for monthly retirement cash benefits at this time? [Things to Consider](#)

Yes No

Is Joan Public already enrolled in Medicare under a Social Security Number other than her own? [More Info](#)

Yes No

In this section...

- Applicant Identification
- Preparer's Contact Information
- Contact Information
- Birth and Citizenship
- Medicare Information
- Re-entry Number

Medicare-only Decision

Clients can sign up for Medicare only and not receive retirement benefits at this time.

Questions About Health Benefits

- Other health insurance coverage;
- Group health plan information;
- Employment information; and
- Dates of coverage information.

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Group Health Plan Information for Joan SeventhPassTest

Are you covered under a Group Health Plan? [More Info](#)

Yes No

Are you covered under a Group Health Plan through your own current employment?

Yes No

Employment Information
The questions below apply to the employment that provides group health plan insurance.

What date did employment start? [More Info](#)

-- / -- / --
Month Day Year

What date did employment end? [More Info](#)

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Month Day Year

Employment has not ended

Health Insurance Information

What date did health insurance start? [More Info](#)

-- / --
Month Year

What date did health insurance end? [More Info](#)

-- / --
Month Year

Health insurance has not ended

In this section...

- Health Insurance Information
- Medicaid Information
- Group Health Plan

Finishing Application

- Go over a summary of their application for accuracy;
- Client accepts the agreement and sign your application by selecting the "Submit Now" button;
- Get a receipt for their application; and
- Get information on what to do next.

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Electronic Agreement

Congratulations, you're just about ready to complete Joan Public's application for Medicare insurance. Please read and accept the following statement.

I understand and agree that by selecting "Submit Now" below, this information will be sent electronically to Social Security. An application will be mailed to Joan Public for her signature and the application must be submitted to a Social Security office before processing can begin.

I understand that Joan Public must apply separately to get monthly Social Security benefits.

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined all the information on this application and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

In this section...

- Overall Summary



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Volunteer Feature

Becky Roe



Meet healthcare professional Becky Roe. For the past year and a half she has served as an OSHIIP volunteer for the residents of Pickaway County. Becky became involved with OSHIIP because she believed there was a need to support and educate older adults about their Medicare coverage and rights.

Described as personable, informative and part of the family by her clients, she makes it her duty to dispel fears of seniors who feel overwhelmed about Medicare.

"I provide education, so they [seniors] have confidence in the Medicare program," said Becky.

Becky enjoys being able to interact with clients through conferences, health fairs, and one-on-one counseling meetings.

"The pre-retired and retired seniors are a wonderful group of people that you would ever want to meet. They are so thankful for the assistance and education you provide, and it's very rewarding both professionally and personally," said Becky.

She feels a sense of accomplishment when a client finds relief and confidence about selecting the right Medicare plan that meets their specific needs. She encourages others who share the same passion to help seniors to consider joining OSHIIP.

"Volunteering is so rewarding. The staff associated with OSHIIP will assist you in any way. The people who represent OSHIIP are by far the most dedicated, professional and passionate group of people."

Becky has been married for 29 years to her high school sweetheart. They have two daughters. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, cooking, spending time with family and friends and walking the track at the Virginia Crites Park in Centerville. She is also a huge fan of Ohio State and Alabama football.

Thank you, Becky, for all you do for OSHIIP!

The OSHIIP Road Show

Here is our list of public OSHIIP events you can attend. Attendance is voluntary and there is no need to register in advance. Just let the designated OSHIIP representative know you are there to lend a hand.

New to Medicare

Delaware County

September 10 & 14, 10 a.m.
September 28, 6 p.m.
SourcePoint
800 Cheshire Rd.
Delaware, OH 43015
To RSVP call: 740-363-6677

Cuyahoga County

Tuesday, September 20, 6:00 p.m.
Devon Oaks
2345 Crocker Rd.
Westlake, OH 44145

Stark County

Tuesday, September 20, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Mercy Hospital –
Mercy Hall Auditorium
1320 Mercy Dr. NW
Canton, OH 44708

Medicare 101

Geauga County

Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 p.m.
Bainbridge Library
17222 Snyder Rd.
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

**Presented by Geauga County Department on Aging*

Lorain County

Thursday, September 8, 6 p.m.
Amherst Public Library
221 Spring St.
Amherst, OH 44001

Wednesday, September 21, 2 p.m.
French Creek YMCA
2010 Recreation Ln.
Avon, OH 44011

Athens County

Thursday, September 29, 12:00 p.m.
Athens Public Library
30 Home Street
Athens, OH 45701

OPERS Pre-Retiree Events

Trumbull County

Wednesday, September 7, 10 a.m.
Holiday Inn
7410 South Ave.
Boardman, OH 44512

Cuyahoga County

Wednesday, September 14, 10 a.m.
Holiday Inn
15471 Royalton Rd.
Strongsville, OH 44136

Hamilton County

Wednesday, September 28, 10 a.m.
Sharonville Convention Ctr.
11355 Chester Rd.
Sharonville, OH 45246

Franklin County

Thursday, September 8, 10 a.m.
Columbus Courtyard West
2350 Westbelt Dr.
Columbus, OH 43228

Thursday, September 29, 10 a.m.

Doubletree by Hilton
1100 Crocker Rd.
Westlake, OH 44145

Webinar Trainings

OSHIIP 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

Wednesday, September 21– Railroad Board

To register for the 10 a.m. session click here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8545956699840675075>

To register for the 2 p.m. session click here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2940813547206059523>

New Crew

Defiance Co.

Richard Musser
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Delaware Co.

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Lucas Co.

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Shelby Co.

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Jennifer Fitzcharles
Sarah Hahn

Wood Co.

Denise Kaminski



2016 Refresher Trainings

OSHIIP will host refresher trainings throughout Ohio for current OSHIIP volunteers. Please register in advance by clicking [here](#):

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

Friday, October 14

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Area Office on Aging of NWO, Inc.

2155 Arlington Ave.

Toledo, OH 43609

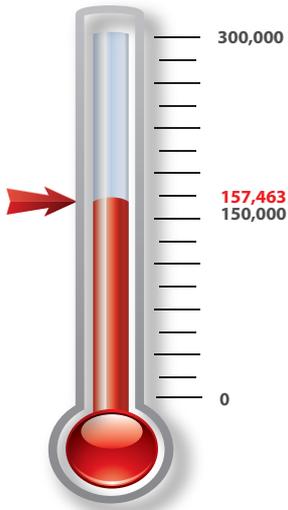
Our Progress as of September 2016!

OSHIIP 2016 Goals



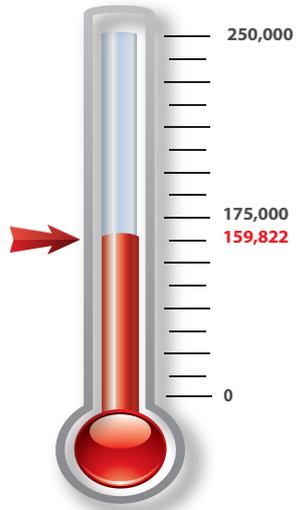
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