

# Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting Oklahoma providers

December 2014

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During the Holiday Season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible.

Thank You and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 3**  
[Outpatient BH Agencies Accreditation Requirement](#)  
OHCA
- December 5**  
[ASI Updated Training](#)  
Tulsa
- December 9-10**  
[NEO, TherOps and CPR](#)  
DHM
- December 10**  
[Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting](#)  
OHCA
- December 11**  
[OHCA Board Meeting](#)  
OHCA
- December 15**  
[ASAM Training](#)  
DMH
- December 15**  
[Family Support Provider](#)  
DMH
- December 16-17**  
[Wraparound101:OKC](#)  
DMH
- December 24**  
[Christmas Eve](#)
- December 25**  
[Christmas Day](#)
- December 31**  
[New Year's Eve](#)



December is ...  
Safe Toy and Gift Month  
World Aids Day

## Merry Christmas

Simple joys, little pleasures, Laughter and smiles in big measures. Friends, Family, togetherness, love. The choicest blessing from above. Peace, Prosperity and happiness too.. All these and more are my wishes for you!

## HIE compliant

Did you know that OrionNet Systems is the only vendor in Oklahoma that is HIE compliant and the data can be sent immediately. We are the only EDI vendor that's 50% EHR ready, the remaining process will be finished in the allotted process time. Health Information Exchange Network (HIE) is defined as the sharing of healthcare records electronically across different healthcare organizations. HIE's provide the ability to electronically share clinical information across disparate healthcare systems while maintaining data security and the meaning of the information being exchanged between medical organizations. If you have questions please feel free to visit our website.

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## Majority of Americans willing to share health data

Would the response be different when it comes to sharing behavioral healthcare data? Tami Mark, PhD, vice president and director, Center for Behavioral Health Services Research, Truven Health Analytics, says possibly.

"People with mental health and substance abuse conditions are concerned that if they share information about their conditions with medical providers that they will be stigmatized. Unfortunately, this is a valid concern," she says. "Research shows that providers tend to discount the symptoms reported by people with mental health and substance abuse conditions. This is also tragic because people with severe mental illness die 25 years earlier than other individuals because of untreated or poorly treated medical conditions such as heart disease and diabetes.

Mark adds that without knowledge about all the medications that a person is taking—for example, use of antipsychotics that put people at risk for metabolic illness—clinicians cannot adequately treat patients.

[More Information](#)

## 2014-2015 Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment

SAMHSA is hosting series of online trainings in order to help ensure that individuals with behavioral health conditions have resources and tools to learn about and enroll in health coverage. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) invites you to join us for an important webinar on Thursday, December 4, 2014 from 1:00pm – 2:30pm EST. This webinar will discuss health insurance enrollment during the 2014-2015 open enrollment period for the state Health Insurance Marketplaces. Specific attention will be given to behavioral health conditions, and outreach efforts for vulnerable populations. [More Information](#)

## Center for the Advancement of Wellness

The Center for the Advancement of Wellness works to reduce obesity and tobacco use in Oklahoma by working with communities, workplaces, schools and other groups to enact policy, environmental and social norm changes. Center staff members serve as content specialists in the areas of tobacco prevention, physical activity, and nutrition. For more information about the Certified Healthy Oklahoma program, please see the Certified Healthy Oklahoma program, please see the Certified Healthy Oklahoma pages. [More Information](#)

## Outpatient BH Agencies Accreditation Requirement

Behavioral Health Providers, in order to be qualified to render SoonerCare covered services, outpatient behavioral health agencies must be accredited as a provider of outpatient behavioral health services from one of the national accrediting bodies or certified by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS). This is pursuant to [OAC317:30-5-240.2](#). Therefore, effective January 1, 2015, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) will no longer contact with agencies that have anything less than full accreditation for the line of service for which they are seeking to contract.

OHCA is notifying providers of this change so that agencies do not allow an existing accreditation/ certification to expire with the expectation of switching to a different type of accreditation/ certification using the provisional option for temporary operation.

[More Information](#)

## What's your opinion on EHRs?

EHRs have become ubiquitous tools for care delivery, data crunching and reimbursement. But how do they operate in the real world? Here at *Behavioral Healthcare* we're seeking feedback from our business readers on the relative success of their EHR systems. Our 3-Minute EHR Survey aims to gather your satisfaction ratings as well as your pain points. Your responses will remain anonymous and will only be presented as part of the aggregate report. [More Information](#)

## 3 ways to improve patients' access to care

When it comes to [creating the optimal patient experience](#), there is no magic wand healthcare providers can wave. But one major piece of the puzzle is improving patients' [access to care](#). Daniel Palestrant, M.D., [writes](#) in an article in *Hospitals & Health Networks Daily*.

"In this new world of medicine, coordinated care, access to resources and providing an excellent patient experience will make or break a hospital's ability to compete," writes Palestrant. [More Information](#)



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Over the coming years, the federal government will be issuing many regulations with guidance on how the provisions of the Affordable Care Act must be implemented. For each regulation, there is typically a comment period where the issuing agency seeks public input on the proposed content of the regulation. Public comments are often incorporated into the final rulemaking – **this means that YOU can influence the rollout of healthcare reform by submitting comments!**

The National Council will keep you updated about upcoming opportunities to submit comments. Stay tuned to [MentalHealthcareReform.org](http://MentalHealthcareReform.org) for more details!