

Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting behavioral health and substance abuse providers

October 2017

ThinkHealth Update v4.05

OrionNet Systems deployed another update for ThinkHealth this month. With constant changes revolving around mental health and state requirements, updates seem to roll out frequently. The latest update, v4.03 consisted of updates and changes to several Module within ThinkHealth.

OrionNet Systems deployment of ThinkHealth v4.05 was a success! Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Contact OrionNet Systems or visit our website at www.iorion.com if you have question or would like to offer and comments or concerns. We encourage all ThinkHealth members to review all documentation provide by our staff here at OrionNet Systems.

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How emotional health and physical health alarms differ

A certain number of people in any given population reach a point where their health status deteriorates to meeting criteria for either pre-disease or disease state for a clinical condition. People may be moving into full blown diabetes, congestive health failure, or major depression, for example. However, the path to being acutely ill is not the same for each condition. Some have alarm bells sooner than others, and some have a greater subjective sense of illness and impaired functioning along the path to fully qualifying for a diagnosis.

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Opioids can cause harm in hospitals beyond addiction risk

Errors in opioid prescriptions and use during patients' hospital stays may be the cause of more harm than previously thought, according to a new analysis.

The study, released Tuesday by patient safety research organization ECRI Institute, found approximately 35% of adverse events involving opioids stemmed from errors in administering the highly addictive drugs during a hospital stay.

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October 1 – 31

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Antidepressant Death Awareness Month

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National Critical Illness Awareness Month

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Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month

First Candle/SIDS Alliance

October 4

Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting

OHCA

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October 8– 11

Institute on Psychiatric Services: Mental Health Services Conference

American Psychiatric Association

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October 9

Columbus Day

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October 4-10

Mental Illness Awareness Week

National Alliance on Mental Illness

October 11

OHCA Strategy Forum & Board Meeting

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October 19

Tribal Consultation

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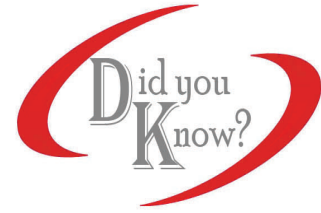
Mental Health, Substance Abuse Services In Oklahoma Face Budget Cuts

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will outline the programs being eliminated due to budget cuts in the state's behavioral health care system during a news conference Wednesday.

With more than 950,000 Oklahomans struggling with mental illness the cuts will impact 1 in 4 residents. The agency's commissioner, Terri White, is calling these cuts unbearable.

If additional funds are not allocated for the 2018 fiscal year, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will be forced to initiate a \$75 million cut. To put it into perspective, that accounts for more than 20% of the agencies overall budget.

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Lawmakers Pass Measures To Try To Fill Budget Hole

State lawmakers have begun to fill the state's \$215 million budget hole, but it's coming without a compromise.

The House passed several measures, allowing them to pull \$106 million from carryover funds from last year's and Rainy Day funds. It's meant to help stop the bleeding from the state's core health agencies.

The money is just under half the \$215 million shortfall amount. It's unclear how the remaining amount will be found but

Can ADHD Increase the Odds a Young Person Will Smoke?

According to the American Lung Association, most adults started smoking before they were 18 years old. Peer pressure, advertisements and living with parents who smoke are some common reasons younger people take up the habit.

But add attention deficit hyperactivity disorder into the mix, and the reasons young people start smoking – and are more likely to continue – are more



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young people start smoking – and are more likely to continue – are more complex. “Does ADHD increase the risk for cigarette smoking?”

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OrionNet Systems Attends TFC – Conference

OrionNet Systems will be attending The Foster Care Innovation 2017 OACCA Fall Conference October 17th and 18th. We are excited to attend this particular conference which is showcasing emerging best practices and innovations in technology for the field of foster care.

ThinkHealth is a complete software solution for mental and behavioral health industry but is not limited to outpatient services, ThinkHealth can accommodate residential needs, we meet all certifications for Health Homes, and we offer Therapeutic Foster Care agencies and the parents a system with the tools aimed at improving family and child outcomes seamlessly and effortlessly. Parents and Clinicians are both able to document and communicate right within ThinkHealth to ensure the best care and support is provided for our nations Foster Families.

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