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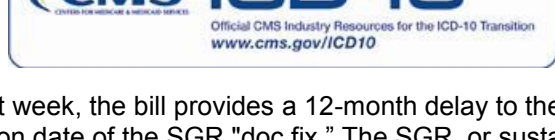
A report on events affecting Oklahoma providers

May 2014

## Obama Signs Legislation, ICD-10 Delayed

With the official signature of President Barack Obama for the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, the compliance date of [ICD-10](#) is officially delayed one year until Oct. 1, 2015.

The White House website indicated that President Obama signed the temporary Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) "doc fix" bill on April 1. With his signature and passage in the U.S. House and Senate, the bill will become law.



Released last week, the bill provides a 12-month delay to the March 31, 2014 expiration date of the SGR "doc fix." The SGR, or sustainable growth rate formula, is the formula for physician payment established under Medicare since 1997, and has only been deployed a single year, with Congress authorizing annual "fixes" in its place. The passage of the bill averted an automatic 24-percent Medicare reimbursement cut to physicians.

It also delays the transition to ICD-10 one year until 2015. It is the third delay of the compliance date for the transition to the coding set. Obama's signature was inevitable to many, although those advocating against another delay of ICD-10 were holding out hope that he would veto it. In addition, the bill includes provisions mandating the use of clinical decision support tools in the ordering of diagnostic imaging studies. *Healthcare Informatics* will continue to cover ongoing developments with regard to policy clarifications around the ICD-10 delay and around the diagnostic imaging requirements, as more information becomes available. To stay up-to-date on ICD-10, sign up for email updates [here](#).



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## OHCA Adds New Measure To Combat Public Crisis Of Prescription Drug Abuse

*The mission of the OHCA Lock-In Program is to assist health care providers in monitoring potential abuse or inappropriate utilization of controlled prescription medications by SoonerCare members.*

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) has a new weapon in the war against prescription drug abuse. The agency has ramped-up its Pharmacy Lock-in Program so that certain SoonerCare (Oklahoma Medicaid) members cannot receive controlled substances from more than one health care provider. The measure aims to deter the practice of doctor shopping and prevent the possibility of accidental drug overdose – a growing and deadly problem in Oklahoma. The new lock-in requirement begins in summer 2014.

Edmond parent support group develops app	Elk City soon to be another Oklahoma community without a psychiatrist
EDMOND — Getting the right help for a child involved in substance <a href="#">abuse</a> can be a daunting and sometimes lonely challenge for parents. One group, which created an app, is out to make that task a bit less challenging. Edmond's Parents Helping Parents was founded by Pat and Vicki Nichols in 2001 after dealing with a son who suffered from addiction.	ELK CITY — At the end of May, Dr. Leland Dennis will retire from psychiatry, leaving <a href="#">Elk City</a> and the surrounding area without a psychiatrist.
"We came into the situation blindsided," Pat Nichols said. "There was no place for me to turn."	Oklahoma has some of the highest rates of mental illness in the nation. Throughout the state, especially in rural areas, Oklahoma lacks enough providers because psychiatrists serve mostly in and around the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metro areas. An estimated 70 percent of adults who need mental health treatment do not get it, according to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.
"The app isn't only for parents; it's for those with addiction issues," Nichols said. There are also links police and pastors can follow, he said.	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
<b>Better Sleep Month</b> The Better Sleep Council
<b>National Mental Health Month</b> National Mental Health Association
<b>May 5</b> <b>Cinco de Mayo</b>
<b>May 11</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>
<b>May 11 – 17</b> <b>National Nursing Home Week</b> American Health Care Association
<b>May 14</b> <a href="#">Mind Your Words: Directional Dialogs</a>
<b>May 14</b> <a href="#">The Slippery Slope of Boundaries and Trust</a>
<b>May 14</b> <a href="#">Ethical Dilemmas in Crisis Settings (Ethics)</a>
<b>May 14-15</b> <a href="#">Well Power</a>
<b>May 15</b> <a href="#">Problem Gambling Core Level Training - Part 2</a>
<b>May 14-16</b> <a href="#">ADSAC Facilitator Training</a>
<b>May 16</b> <a href="#">Family Support Provider Training</a>
<b>May 19</b> <a href="#">ASAM Training</a>
<b>May 23</b> <a href="#">Safety Training for Home Based Professionals</a>
<b>May 19</b> <a href="#">Celebrating Families Program</a>
<b>May 22</b> <a href="#">2014 Suicide Prevention Conference</a>
<b>May 23</b> <a href="#">P-FLASH III</a>
<b>May 26</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>

Health Information Exchange: Moving Forward or Stuck in Neutral?

Recent reports say that the global health information exchange (HIE) market is projected to reach \$878 million in 2018, growing at a compound annual growth rate of 9.5 percent from 2013. This is due to factors such as incentives by the U.S. federal government, improvements in patient care and safety, and reduction in healthcare costs. However, issues such as high implementation costs, slow returns on investment, and interoperability problems are hampering the growth of this market.

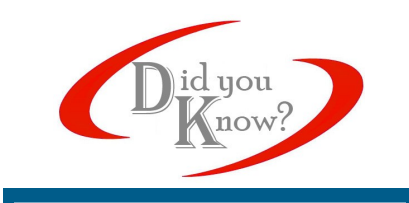
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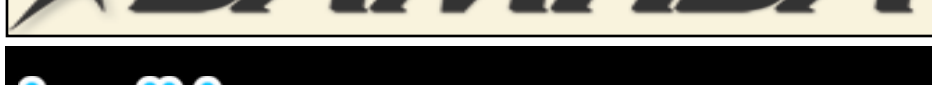
Memorial Day  
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Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

From the team at OrionNet Systems



Providers search for staff to meet needs of growing field	National Council, veterans, mental health leaders launch new program
With Medicaid expansion, the Mental Health Parity Act, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the large population of people who are seeking treatment for mental health and addiction, treatment organizations are expanding and new programs are constantly opening. With this comes a need to hire additional staff.	The National Council for Behavioral Health (National Council), along with leaders from veterans service organizations and fellow mental health advocates, today launched a new training program – Mental Health First Aid for Veterans – that offers participants a simple, proven combination of information and techniques to recognize and respond to the warning signs of mental illness and addiction.
According to Kevin Gallagher, chief financial officer (CFO) at Solid Landings Behavioral Health (Costa Mesa, Calif.), there is no question where the organizational growth is coming from.	The new program was developed by and for service members.



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