

Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting behavioral health and substance abuse providers

October 2015

ICD-10: Were You Ready?

October 1, was the official date to switch to the ICD-10 coding system for diagnoses, for billing and claims. Were you prepared? And if you were not, is it too late?

According to OrionNet Systems, it's not too late to get assistance with ICD-10.

"We are ready, been ready, and have improved ThinkHealth to make it ready for ICD-10 for our agencies," said Clyde Wafford, president of OrionNet Systems. "Our superior support team is ready to help customers and we believe we can make this ICD-10 process easier for anyone that needs help."

OrionNet Systems has been in business since 2001 and has dedicated their time and effort towards making a product that helps behavioral health and substance abuse agencies help their clients.

If you aren't completely familiar with the switch, the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) was developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and is used to report medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures. All entities covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 are required to use the ICD coding system for all billing and claims – this includes payers, provider organizations, and hospitals. The United States has been in the process of switching from the ICD-9 classification system to the newer tenth version of the ICD for the past few years – with many problems along the way.

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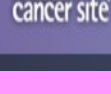
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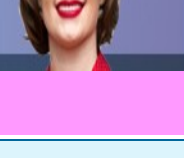
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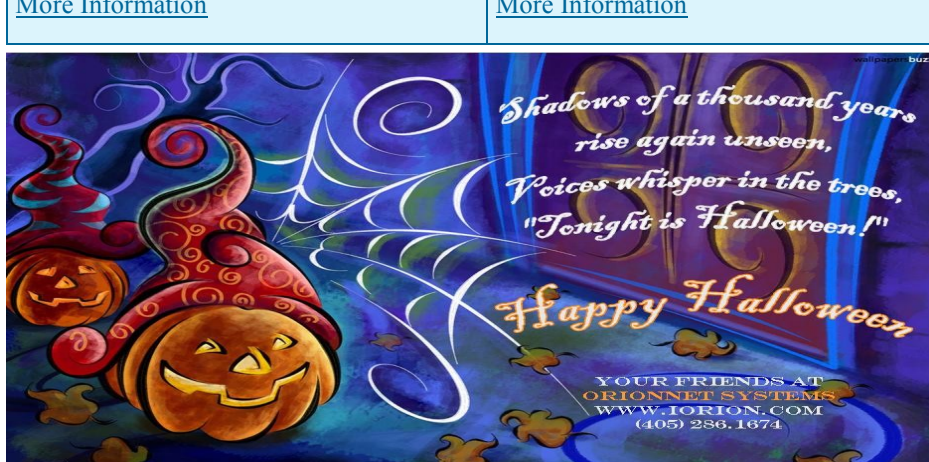


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SAMHSA provides up to \$312.2 million in tribal and state youth programs	Breast Cancer: New Risk Assessment Breakthrough
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded up to \$312.2 million in funding for behavioral health services over the next five years for tribal and state youth promoting prevention, treatment, and recovery from mental and substance use disorders.	Doctors can now use a known link between breast cancer and benign breast disease (BBD) to identify women who are at a greater risk of developing cancer. Researcher Jeffery Tice at the University of California San Francisco has improved the predictive powers of a widely used breast cancer screening model by including BBD as a risk factor.
These SAMHSA grants are being awarded to programs in states and communities across the country to expand and enhance their behavioral healthcare services, especially children, adolescents and young adults.	New treatment options for at-risk patients include preemptive chemoprevention drugs.
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OrionNet Systems Assists Agencies One-on-One with ICD-10 Transition

The transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10 is less than a week away when all healthcare organizations covered by the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) are required to be ICD-10 compliant. There has been a considerable amount of stress mounting in the healthcare industry due to this impending change, but one EHR certified software vendor is setting the bar high by visiting with each of their clients and working with them one-on-one to make sure they make it through the transition seamlessly.

"We care about what our clients care about," said Clyde Wafford, president of OrionNet Systems. "We've done an extensive amount research and spent a lot of time going over everything that our clients will need to know and do to make sure their billing goes through during this transition."

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Telemental Health is Booming	Impact of Bullying
Telemental health has gone mainstream. Most services involve assessment, diagnosis and/or therapy, and care models have evolved over the years to include, for example, hospitals establishing telepsychiatric assessment programs in their emergency departments as well as the creation of virtual networks of mental health professionals providing services to underserved areas.	Do you remember hearing "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me"? Research has shown that this old saying simply isn't true. Words <i>can</i> hurt, and bullying can leave lasting emotional and physical scars. Parents and other adults need to understand the impact of bullying so they will know how important it is to prevent it.
Many reasons exist for the boom. First, telehealth is a good fit for providing mental health services because providers rarely have to lay hands on the patient in conventional face-to-face encounters.	Three areas of concern to parents and others: 1. Education 2. Health 3. Safety
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Tell Retailers "Gone Mental" Halloween Costumes Are Offensive and Stigmatizing

Halloween costumes are meant to be scary or funny, but costumes such as "Gone Mental" that caricature individuals in psychiatric hospitals are neither. They are offensive and harmful.

Individuals living with mental health conditions are not costume characters. Mental health conditions do not make someone a serial killer, covered in blood and dirt with ripped clothing. Costumes like "Gone Mental," "Happy Hill Asylum," and "Psycho Ward" contribute only to stereotypes and misunderstandings that all individuals living with mental health conditions are violent and scary.

In fact, people living with mental health conditions are more likely than those without to be the victims of violent crime than the perpetrators. Psychiatric hospitals are not haunted houses. Though imperfect, they are places where individuals go for treatment (and wear their everyday clothes, not torn and bloody outfits or straitjackets).

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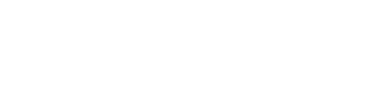
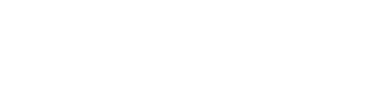
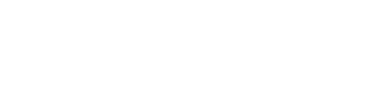
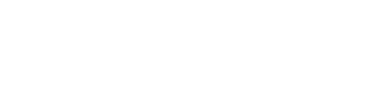
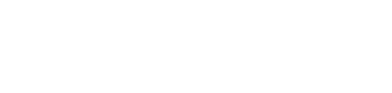
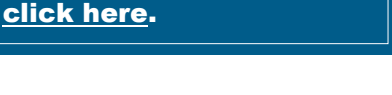
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