Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting behavioral health and substance abuse providers

Reimbursement for Licensed Behavioral Health **Professionals in Independent Practice**

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (ODMHSAS) are proposing revisions to SoonerCare rules regarding coverage and reimbursement for services provided by

Licensed Behavioral Health Professionals (LBHP) in independent practice.

The proposed revisions in APA WF # 16-01 will revoke all reimbursements and

coverage for SoonerCare services that are provided by a LBHP who is an independently contracted private practice. This change has been prompted due to the budget concerns for the upcoming fiscal year and the change is predicted to help balance the state budget. SoonerCare members seeking services will still be able to get services provided to

affected individuals however, will have opportunities to contract with and/or become employed by outpatient behavioral health agencies in order to continue to provide and be reimbursed for SoonerCare behavioral health services. This should mitigate potential adverse effects on small business and Independent Practice. A board meeting will be held February 11, 2016 at the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. These changes and revisions will be presented during this meeting.

them through SoonerCare contracted outpatient behavioral health agencies. The

Clyde Wafford, president of OrionNet Systems, has stated that he will be sending some of his team to the meeting in hopes of keeping up-to-date on any changes the State may be making and to help with the process as much as possible. "We are here to help our agencies and counselors any way we can." said Clyde Wafford, president of OrionNet Systems.

For more information **Proposed Policy Changes**

'It's not trauma'

We raise men not to see trauma or see experiences in their lives as traumatic,

difficult, or painful. It is against the code of being a man and so, as young boys, we and the general public in developing and others convince us over and over again that it wasn't trauma. I am going to explore why men's trauma is so invisible—to us, let alone to so many of

often find ourselves. The invisibility of men's trauma is definitely a part of The Water. Trauma may mean "wound" in Greek, but in the language of men it means "weak." And the last thing men want to feel like or appear as is weak. For More Information

(OHCA) seeks advice and consultation from medical professionals, professional and tribal organizations,

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority

new or amended policies (e.g., administrative rules, state plan, waivers, etc.). The proposed policy page is designed to give all constituents an opportunity the service providers in front of whom we to review and make comments

> To view or make comments on upcoming proposed policy, state plan, and/or waiver changes, please click the link of the change(s) below.

regarding upcoming changes.

For More Information ThinkHealth-Touch for iPad and Android Tablets

Sync your patients to your iPad or Android Tablet to perform sessions, write progress notes on Prior Authorizations / Treatment Plans and have the patient sign with their finger! All without having to have an internet connection.



Friday, January 29th, 2016 Clyde Wafford, President of OrionNet Systems,

presented a Forms Designer Webinar to showcase the new form designer

process that will be rolling out with the next update for ThinkHealth.

The presentation went over the process of how to pull in a PDF document into ThinkHealth and how the system will create a screen for that specific form. Users will then be able to fill in data, preview, print, and email the information from the new screen.

our users." said Clyde Wafford, President of OrionNet Systems." I am looking for suggestions or advise from our users so we can make this as useful as possible." **More Information Support Your Licensing**

"We are very excited to roll out this first round of the Forms Designer for

Oklahoma Public at Risk An Act relating to professions and occupations; creating State Department of Health Professional Licensure; directing Department to provide administrative support to certain entities; authorizing Governor to appoint and set the salary of the Director;

transferring certain functions, funds and property from certain entities to the Department; directing transfer of certain obligations; permitting contracts for certain purposes; directing promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an

effective date; and declaring an emergency.

treatment centers

practices; medical necessity of services;

and whether the providers failed to collect

requiring advice and consent of the Senate; specifying duties of Director;

A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6003 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: A. There is hereby created the Department of Health Professional Licensure and such divisions, sections, bureaus, offices and positions as may be established by the Director. The Department shall provide administrative and support services to the following health licensing boards:

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Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: The

Department of Health Professional Licensure may contract for and purchase or rent books, stationery, forms, postage, equipment, other materials and supplies and furniture and it may rent or lease office space or other quarters in the performance of duties required by this act. For More Information Health Net looking for fraud among **Medicaid Plans Carve-Out**

Health Net, a large California insurer, is A carve-out is a Medicaid financing model where some portion of Medicaid investigating several residential and behavioral health benefits- mental outpatient treatment centers for potential health outpatient, psychiatric inpatient, fraud. things, addictions, pharmacy, etc. —is Among other separately managed and/or financed on investigators are examining referral

patients. In some cases, Health Net is suspending the providers' reimbursements at the health plan level — referred to as until documentation is evaluated. For More Information

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agency on a fee-for-service (FFS) basis. necessary out-of-pocket payments from The carve-out can take place at one of two levels: At the payer level referred to as a primary carve-out; and

an at-risk basis by another organization

or retained by the state Medicaid

Behavioral Health Services

a secondary carve-out.



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February 2016

Ground Hog Day

February 2

February 10 **Drug Utilization Review Board** Meeting **More Information**

February 11

OHCA Board Meeting More Information February 14

Valentines Day February 15

More Information

February 17 Random Acts of Kindness Day

Presidents Day

February 18 **Public Hearing of Rulemaking More Information**

February 29 Leap Day



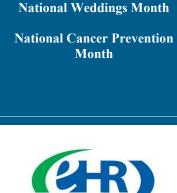
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