

Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting behavioral health and substance abuse providers

February 2016

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 them through SoonerCare contracted outpatient behavioral health agencies. The 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. 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.

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'It's not trauma'

Proposed Policy Changes

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 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 the service providers in front of whom we 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.

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The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) seeks advice and consultation from medical professionals, professional and tribal organizations, and the general public in developing new or amended policies (e.g., administrative rules, state plan, waivers, etc.).

The proposed policy page is designed to give all constituents an opportunity to review and make comments regarding upcoming changes.

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

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New Forms Designer in ThinkHealth

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.

“We are very excited to roll out this first round of the Forms Designer for 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.”

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Support Your Licensing 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; requiring advice and consent of the Senate; specifying duties of 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.

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:

A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6005 of 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.

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Health Net looking for fraud among treatment centers

Health Net, a large California insurer, is investigating several residential and outpatient treatment centers for potential fraud. Among other things, the investigators are examining referral practices; medical necessity of services; and whether the providers failed to collect necessary out-of-pocket payments from patients. In some cases, Health Net is suspending the providers' reimbursements until documentation is evaluated.

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Medicaid Plans Carve-Out Behavioral Health Services

A carve-out is a Medicaid financing model where some portion of Medicaid behavioral health benefits— mental health outpatient, psychiatric inpatient, addictions, pharmacy, etc. —is separately managed and/or financed on an at-risk basis by another organization or retained by the state Medicaid agency on a fee-for-service (FFS) basis. The carve-out can take place at one of two levels: At the payer level — referred to as a primary carve-out; and at the health plan level — referred to as a secondary carve-out.

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