

Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting Oklahoma providers

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OrionNet Systems Achieves the Acclaimed Impossible by Becoming the First Oklahoma Vendor to Receive EHR Certification



OrionNet Systems', ThinkHealth - Practice Management Software (EHR), Version 2.1.0.0 has achieved ONC HIT 2014 Edition Modular EHR certification, which designates that the software is capable of supporting eligible providers with meeting the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Meaningful Use measures required to qualify for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

"In spite of the numerous declarations from our competitors that it wasn't possible, we met the ONC HIT 2014 EHR criteria," said Clyde Wafford, president of OrionNet Systems. "With this certification, we believe our customers are well prepared to successfully demonstrate Meaningful Use."

OrionNet decided to proceed with certification due to the overwhelming benefits that consist with agencies implementing EHR software. It has been shown that agencies with EHR certified software see benefits such as improved patient care, increase number of patients, cost savings, and more.

ThinkHealth - Practice Management Software (EHR), Version 2.1.0.0's certification number is 150059R00.

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ICD-10 and DSM-5: Why all the fuss?

Things are definitely heating up in the ICD-10 world for us. That tells me the anxiety levels are increasing and people are starting to realize the ICD-10/DSM-5 transition is really going to happen. The stories, rumors, myths, and "decisions about proceeding" I am hearing are concerning. I have interacted with over 7,000 folks in the past few months and clearly the passions are heating up. Since the ICD-10/DSM-5 transition affects all areas of an organization, let me just share a few of the things I have encountered:

1. Many state Medicaid agencies (mental health/substance use divisions) are not prepared and need education on the ICD-10. While some states have already transitioned to DSM-5, others have not. To implement DSM-5 at the same time as ICD-10 is overwhelming. Add to that declarations that "We will only pay for a diagnosis that is included in the DSM-5" is misguided, at best. Who will end up paying the price? Provider organizations.

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Revised SAMHSA Guidelines for Opioid Treatment Programs

In March 2015, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released updated guidelines for opioid treatment programs (OTPs) that are effective immediately. OTPs are organizations certified by SAMHSA to provide medication-assisted treatment for individuals diagnosed with an opioid substance use disorder. The Joint Commission, which has deemed status for surveying and accrediting OTPs, will be revising its behavioral health care accreditation standards to meet the new federal requirements. SAMHSA expects OTPs to begin addressing the guidelines immediately.

Updates to the 2015 OTP guidelines:
-New ways to assess and counsel patients
-Treatment of pregnant patients
-Patient withdrawal from medication-assisted treatment
-Management of patients with multiple problems, including chronic pain

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- June 3
Teen Addiction Severity Index Trainings (T-ASD)
[Oklahoma City, OK](#)
- June 7
National Cancer Survivors Day
- June 8
ASI Update Training
[Oklahoma City, OK](#)
- June 10
Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting - OHCA
[Oklahoma City, OK](#)
- June 14
National Flag Day
- June 15-21
Men's Health Week
- June 18
State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) Public Hearing - OHCA
[Oklahoma City, OK](#)
- June 21
Father's Day
- June 22
ASAM Training
[Oklahoma City, OK](#)
- June 25
OHCA Board Meeting
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- June 26
ODMHSAS Board Meeting
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Quality Definitions Emerge for Addiction Treatment

Applying quality measures to addiction has traditionally been challenging because of a lack of research data and the anonymous nature of the treatment programs themselves. But as private payers and federal and state agencies shift to a pay-for-performance model of reimbursement, the industry has begun developing new quality measures and standards.

Many states, especially those that adopted Medicaid expansion, have seen significant demand for addiction treatment services over the past five years, and the ability for patients and payers to better gauge the efficacy of providers is critical. There are existing efforts, such as SAMHSA guidelines, but more formal standards are emerging.

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Reports Document Rise in Emergency Care Related to Painkiller

Reports issued this month by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) indicate a significant increase in hospital emergency department visits related to the prescription opioid tramadol. The reports covered the period from 2005-2011 and focused on adverse drug reactions (such as seizures and serotonin syndrome) and incidents of misuse/abuse.

Emergency visits related to adverse reactions rose sharply from 2005-2009, with 10,901 such visits in 2005 and 25,884 visits in 2009. The figure for 2011 was 27,421. Visits related to misuse or abuse increased from 6,255 in 2005 to 21,649 in 2011, according to SAMHSA.

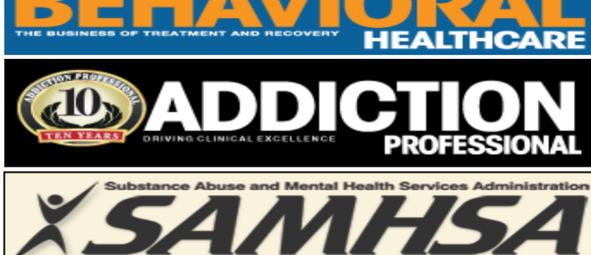
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