



# August

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### Customers Hot Topic

By Leslie Wickware

As we all know the updated service rates went into effect on 07/01/22. The question everyone has been asking is “What about Cap amount ? ” Unfortunately for the hard working therapist in Oklahoma they did not raise the Cap amount. You can visit the ODMHSAS Arc website to see the services that have been updated

[www.odmhsas.org/arc.htm](http://www.odmhsas.org/arc.htm)

As of July 15, 2022 they have extended the public health emergency for another 90 days . This means that the telehealth services can continued to be billed for family, individual rehab and group rehab sessions on top of the regular therapy sessions.

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### Agency Events and News

ODMHSAS TRAINING INSTITUTE - Youth Mental Health First Aid is a public education program which teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 6-18

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OKCIC hosts Back to School Health Fair  
OKCIC welcomes back our youth back-to-school health fair with a twist this year! All pediatric patients aged 4-18 can be seen during the health fair held on August 4, 5 & 6, 2022

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The Animal House - Sober club will be holding an Overdose Awareness event at Central Park in Bellevue on August 27th. Recovery Institute of Ohio will also be hosting a table at the event so come join us. There will be speakers, recovery resources, and much more!

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On Wednesday, August 17, 2022, The Ohio Council will welcome behavioral health agency CEOs and other executives from across the state to take part in a day of policy education, professional development, and networking at the 2022 CEO Forum and CEO Social.

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## Prioritizing Student Mental Health in 2022

In 2016, the Oklahoma State Department of Education and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister created the Student Advisory Council, which brings together high school juniors and seniors from across the state to discuss concerns, brainstorm solutions and affect state-level initiatives in Oklahoma's public education system.

Due to the pandemic, the 2021 council met virtually, and one of the primary topics of discussion was improving mental health resources.

Kadyn Casteel, a senior, drum major and concert clarinetist for Stillwater High School, says as students and teachers are trying to acclimate to the "new normal," more and more students are being candid about their struggles with mental health. She reports that students and staff are more empathetic to one another's struggles. She's hopeful that a statewide program offering grants to Oklahoma school districts to hire counselors and school-based mental health professionals will become permanent.

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## CMS Proposes to Expanded Medicare Eligible BH Practitioners in CY 2023 Physician Fee Schedule

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released information on the proposed Medicare CY 2023 Physician Fee Schedule that includes some notable and long-awaited policy changes to improve access to behavioral health care under the

Medicare program. To help address the acute shortage of behavioral health practitioners, CMS is proposing to allow

licensed professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, addiction counselors, certified peer recovery practitioners, and other behavioral health providers to provide behavioral health services under general (rather than

direct or "incident to") supervision. Additionally, CMS is proposing to pay for clinical psychologists and licensed clinical social workers to provide integrated behavioral health services as part of a patient's primary care team. CMS also adds clarification, consistent with DEA regulations that Opioid

Treatment Programs may bill Medicare for services performed by mobile units, such as vans, without obtaining a separate registration.

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## Mark Your Calendar

[August 1 - August 6](#)

[World Breastfeeding Week](#)

[August 1 - August 31](#)

[National immunization Awareness Month](#)

[August 2](#)

[National Night Out in the USA](#)

[August 12](#)

[International Youth Day 2022](#)

[August 31](#)

[International Overdose Awareness Day](#)

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