

Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting Oklahoma providers

February 2014

EDI Billing Resumes

After weeks of discussion, we are happy to inform you that OHCA has agreed to let your systems resume Electronic Uploading and Downloading for billing. We had to make a few changes to the process but after you setup a few things, EDI billing will be able to resume.



We will be conducting webinars about the new billing process so please watch out for emails about that. If you have any questions regarding our process for EDI billing, please feel free to call our support team.

Thank you to all the ThinkHealth members who played a part by contacting OHCA and sharing your comments, questions, and concerns with them on this issue. We could not have reached this point without you!

Thanks again,
OrionNet Systems team

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- February 10-16
[Random Acts of Kindness Week](#)
Random Acts of Kindness Foundation
- February 14
Valentine's Day
- February 17
President's Day
- February 18-21
[Case Mgmt Training](#)—OKC
- February 20-21
[ASI Training](#)
- February 20
[Human Trafficking 101: Tulsa](#)
- February 24
[ASAM Training](#)
- February 24-27
[Case Mgmt Training - Norman](#)
- February 26-27
[Celebrating Families!](#) - OKC
- February 26
[SOC Family Support Provider Training](#)
- February 28
[Celebrating Families: Ages 0-3](#)—OKC
- February 23 – March 1
[National Eating Disorders Awareness Week](#)
National Eating Disorders Association



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2014 sees federal budget approved, and up tick in funding for behavioral health

Good funding news welcomed after years of recession and sequester cuts

Last year there was no [federal](#) budget enacted and gridlock was the order of the day. But fiscal year 2014 is different: negotiations over the holidays resulted in a \$1.1 trillion spending bill, signed by President Obama on January 17 that funds the federal government through September.

The new federal budget brings good news for mental health and substance use disorder treatment. When sequestration – the automatic spending cuts imposed last year – is taken into account, overall MH/SUD funding has increased.

Integrus to open mental health unit in response to closure at the Deaconess location in Bethany

[Integrus](#) Health plans to open a mental health unit in its southwest Oklahoma City medical center in June to replace some of the inpatient psychiatric services being cut by a competing hospital.

Deaconess Hospital will close its Bethany mental health unit Monday, citing a lack of need in the community for these services, even though Oklahoma's mental health commissioner and others say there is a critical shortage of such psychiatric care.

SAMHSA issues Advisory to treatment community on the danger of heroin contaminated with fentanyl and what can be done to save lives

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ([SAMHSA](#)) has issued an advisory to the treatment community about a marked increase in deaths since the beginning of the year that were reportedly linked to the use of heroin contaminated with the drug fentanyl. Fentanyl is a form of opioid, and when used in combination with heroin, can cause severe injury and even death. There have been 17 deaths linked to the possible use of fentanyl-contaminated heroin in the Pittsburgh, Pa. area alone since January 24, 2014. In January, there were 22 such deaths reported in Rhode Island. These trends can expand quickly to include large and more distant geographic areas of the country. There have already been reported cases in New Jersey and Vermont.

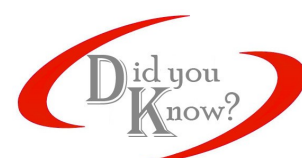
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February is

[American Heart Month](#)

[Black History Month](#)

[Valentine's Day](#)

Make 2014 the year your kids play

[\(CNN\)](#) -- C'mon, kids. Don't just sit there. [Play](#). It's the first day of the New Year, so there's no better time to start.

With all the sporting events on TV this time of year, parents need to be sure kids take a break from watching others play games and do some playing themselves. Play will improve a kid's life. Jill Viallet guarantees it.

Viallet, who is emerging as America's Play Laureate with her new young-adult novel "Recess Rules" has given the world a free guide to games, from "All Tangled Up" to "Zip, Zap, Pop."

Best of all, no power cord is required.

When I met Viallet five years ago, she was ramping up her nonprofit organization, Playworks, to go national. She taught me that instead of treating play as the opposite of work, play carries its own intrinsic value.

Why it's still a big deal if your teen smokes pot

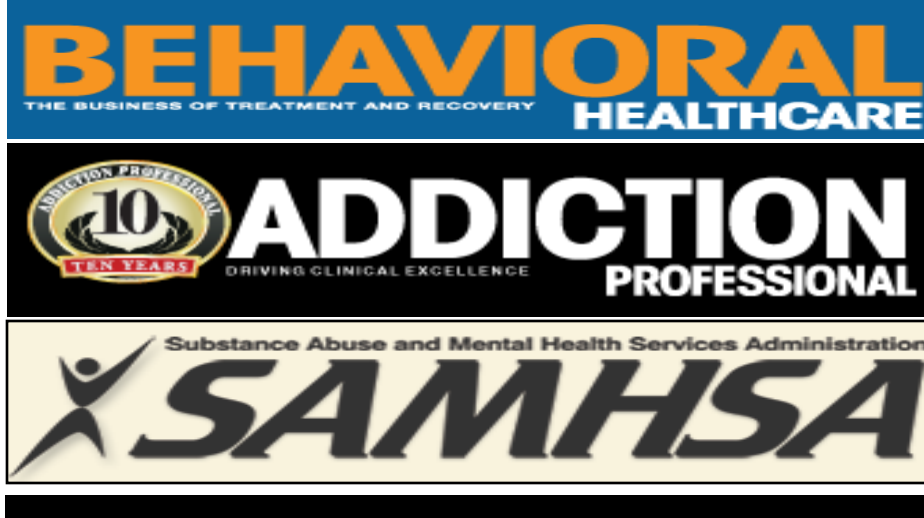
[\(TIME.com\)](#) -- With each passing day, it seems, [smoking](#) pot becomes less and less stigmatized in our society.

In a much-buzzed-about piece in The New Yorker, President Obama suggested making pot legal in large part to correct the vast inequities that minorities face in terms of cannabis-related arrests and imprisonment.

Besides, said the president, who was known to smoke his fair share of weed back in the day, "I don't think it is more dangerous than alcohol" for the individual user.

FY2014 funding for SAMHSA expands vital mental health services – especially for children

As a result of the Fiscal Year 2014 "Consolidated Appropriations Act" (P.L. 113-76), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), will provide expanded help to meet the mental health needs of individuals, families and communities across the nation. The \$276 million additional funding above the FY13 post-sequestration level will enable SAMHSA to better address the mental health needs of the nation's children and young people – including those most at risk for serious mental illnesses.



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