

Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting behavioral health and substance abuse providers

September 2015

OrionNet Systems Deployed ICD-10 Updates

OrionNet Systems deployed the ICD-10 updates to their ThinkHealth Practice Management software on Thursday and Friday of this week, August 27-28, 2015. The company's members will have access to these updates a month before the October 1st transition has to take place.

In the October 1st transition, the codes used to submit to Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and virtually all other insurers will change to ICD-10. Every diagnostic code currently used by therapists will become instantly obsolete. Patient charges submitted after October 1 with the outdated ICD-9 codes will be returned unpaid. Therapists will either adapt to the new coding system or not receive payment.

"The updates we've deployed to ThinkHealth are designed to make this transition seamless but we still want to give everyone enough time to be comfortable with the changes," said Clyde Wafford, president of OrionNet Systems. "If it's not right for our members, it's not right for our software."

To better serve their members, the company also held ICD-10 training for their members to go over how the transition will affect them and the best methods to handle billing issues.

For agencies starting the process from scratch, try these questions on all vendors:

- Will your products be ready for ICD-10 compliance?
- How does your product simplify my organization's transition to ICD-10?
- How does the functionality offered by your system compare with my current system?

The OrionNet Systems' support team will be contacting each and every one of their member agencies to make sure they know how to fix and reconcile their ICD-9 to ICD-10 just in case.

"This is a very tricky update," said Clyde Wafford. "But I know our members will bear with us because they know we will help them get ready for October 1st. They don't have to worry. It's that simple."

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September 1 – 30
[Childhood Cancer Awareness Month](#)
CureSearch for Children's Cancer

September 1 – 30
[Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Month](#)
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

September 1 – 30
[National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month](#)
American Foundation for Women's Health

September 1 – 30
[Newborn Screening Awareness Month](#)
Save Babies Through Screening Foundation, Inc.

September 1
[Tribal Consultation Meeting](#)
OHCA
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September 7
[Labor Day](#)

September 9
[Drug Utilization Board Meeting](#)
OHCA
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September 10
[OHCA Board Meeting](#)
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September 20-26
[National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration](#)
National Rehabilitation Awareness Foundation

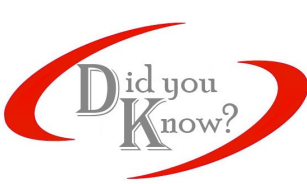
September 15
[Get Ready Day](#)
American Public Health Association

September 17
[Medical Advisory Committee Meeting](#)
OHCA
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September 18
[ODMHAS Board Meeting](#)
OKC
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September 21
[World Alzheimer's Day](#)
Alzheimer's Disease International

September 29
[World Heart Day](#)
World Heart Federation



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National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

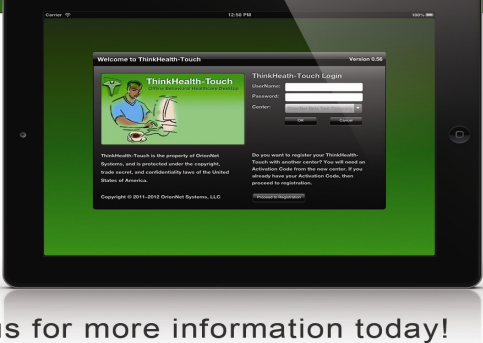
"Promotes the societal benefits of treatment for substance use and mental disorders, celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. *Recovery Month* spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover." The 2011 *Recovery Month* observance aims to educate the public on the positive changes that national health care reform will have on access to needed recovery services for substance use and mental disorders.

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OrionNet Systems Celebrates 14 Years of Excellence

OrionNet Systems celebrated their annual company anniversary on August 7, 2015.

OrionNet Systems is a small Oklahoma business founded in 2001. OrionNet Systems has designed, developed and supported applications created both for the client-server and web environments, as well as developing, marketing and supporting a commercial application for the counseling centers industry.

"Fourteen years have gone by but OrionNet Systems is still going strong," said Clyde Wafford, president of OrionNet Systems.

The company took a half day on the company's annual anniversary to enjoy a leisurely lunch out at a Chinese restaurant in Edmond, Oklahoma, and a couple rousing games of bowling at the local Edmond bowling alley.

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Two Major Mental Health Bills Introduced in the US Senate

Last week the U.S. Senate adjourned for its August recess but not before introducing two major mental health bills. Mental Health Reform Act of 2015

Senators Bill Cassidy (R-La.) and Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) introduced The Mental Health Reform Act of 2015 (S. 1945), legislation to "comprehensively overhaul and strengthen America's mental health care system." The bill addresses many of the same issues as the "Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act" (HR 2646) introduced by Representatives Tim Murphy (R-Pa.) and Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-La.) in the House of Representatives, although there are differences between the two bills as well.

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Suicide Survey Notes New Focus Areas

Younger age groups are more likely to view seeking treatment for mental health as a sign of strength, according to an analysis of a survey released today by three behavioral health advocacy groups.

"In mental health, the younger generation is more likely to seek help and have a general understanding that mental health is a valid and real aspect of health," says Christine Moutier, MD, chief medical officer of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She says it's an encouraging shift and reflects some other trends among the attitudes of those ages 18 to 34, such as growing acceptance and advocacy for LGBTQ populations.

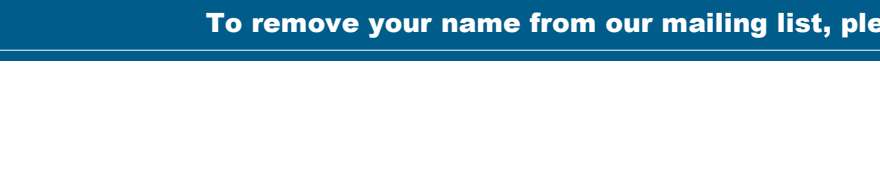
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