

Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting Oklahoma providers

April 2016

OHCA to propose provider rate cuts

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) will begin its public notification process to reduce SoonerCare (Oklahoma Medicaid) provider rates by 25 percent effective June 1, 2016, in anticipation of the state fiscal year 2017 appropriation.

It takes OHCA 60 days to implement rate changes because of public notification requirements. It takes 90 days for changes to impact the budget due to claim lag. It is imperative the agency achieves savings during the 12-month period; otherwise, the cut will be larger to achieve the savings during a shorter period of time. A 25 percent rate cut will put SoonerCare provider rates at 64.9 percent of the Medicare rate. It is also possible that if the agency's appropriation is reduced more, additional provider rate cuts will be required. These cuts will affect all provider types including hospitals, physicians, pharmacy, durable medical equipment suppliers and nursing facilities.

The OHCA currently contracts with 46,129 providers. In addition to the 25 percent provider rate cut, the agency will also propose to eliminate payments for coinsurance and deductibles on crossover claims.

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SAVE THE DATE

2016 Children's Behavioral Health Conference

Your attendance is requested for a new mission at The 23rd Annual Children's Behavioral Health Conference sponsored by The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. We will rendezvous at? The Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center, Norman, OK, May 11-13, 2016.

The Mission is Possible with you!!!
This statewide, three-day conference will bring together local, state and national leaders to discuss evidence-based treatments, promising practices, practical tools and research-based programs in children's mental health and substance abuse services. Families and youth are invited to attend the one-day Family and Youth Track to enhance their leadership skills and knowledge. Specific workshops will focus on the concerns of counselors, social workers, direct care providers, tribal providers, physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, teachers, students, school counselors, families, youth, child welfare professionals, juvenile justice professionals, healthcare professionals, public health workers, administrators, faith communities, educators, law enforcement and members of the judicial system.

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**Suicidal Thinking Affects
'Significant Minority' of US
Veterans**

'They' Need More From Us

Mental health affects us all. How we think and feel about our lives and ourselves has an impact on our behavior and how we cope in tough times.

At the college counseling center where I am a graduate social work intern, our weekly staff meetings where we present new cases serve as a professional check-

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April 1
April Fool's Day

April 1
Mental Health First Aide Adult

April 6
Wellness Coach Training
[OKC, OK](#)

April 7-8
Ohio Risk Assessment
[OKC, OK](#)

April 8
Suicide Prevention Conference
[OKC, OK](#)

April 12
**OKC Counseling in Higher
Education**
[OKC, OK](#)

April 14-15
Well Power
[Ponca City, OK](#)

April 20
Case to Care Management Adult
[OKC, OK](#)

April 20
**Spring Specialty Court Judges
Forum**
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April 27
Mental Health First Aide Adults
[Kickapoo, OK](#)

April 27
**Problem Gambling Basic
Training**
[Tulsa, OK](#)

ourselves has an impact on our behavior and how we cope in tough times.

Mental health problems are very common and include conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, anorexia, anxiety, bi-polar disorder, bulimia, depression, hyperactivity, insomnia, mania, narcolepsy, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), panic attacks, paranoia, phobias, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), schizophrenia, stress, suicide and Tourette's.

weekly staff meetings where we present new cases serve as a professional check-in for all of the practicing clinicians. I recently presented the case of an 18-year-old undergraduate student, who I'll call "Sam." Sam self-identified as gender non-binary and preferred the gender pronouns "they" and "them." While reading through the demographic information, I was stopped by one of the supervising clinicians, a psychologist. She looked at me incredulously and asked, "Wait... gender non-binary? Does that mean they don't want to pick one?"

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Autism Awareness Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Substance Abuse Privacy Rules Could Be Changing

Almost thirty years after the last substantive change to the federal regulations governing the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) today published a proposed rule (Proposed Rule) to modernize the regulations at 42 CFR Part 2 (the Part 2 Rule). Public comment period on the Proposed Rule is open until April 11, 2016.

In recognition of the significant changes that have occurred within the United States health care system SAMHSA proposes to update the regulations to facilitate the electronic exchange of substance

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State of Emergency for Seven Oklahoma Counties Impacted by Tornadoes, Storms

OKLAHOMA CITY – Governor Mary Fallin today issued an [executive order](#) declaring a state of emergency for seven northeastern Oklahoma counties impacted by tornadoes, severe storms and straight-line winds that occurred earlier this week.

The declaration is for **Craig, Mayes, Nowata, Osage, Rogers, Tulsa and Washington** counties.

The storms caused damage to homes and businesses Wednesday evening and injured seven people. Damage assessments are ongoing in the hardest-hit areas

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May 5, 2015: Closing Date for Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse RFP

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Its that time again The 23rd Annual Children's Behavioral Health Conference! Save the Date The Embassy Suite Hotel & Conference Center, Norman, OK, May 11-13 2016 We can't wait to see you at our booth!

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