

Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting behavioral health and substance abuse providers

January 2017

Kicking the Year off with Improvements

OrionNet Systems is always working to ensure our members have a top quality system. ThinkHealth finished 2016 off with a major deployment and update in December and we are kicking the year off with a deployment of ThinkHealth V 3.95

As we all know, with any kind of update there are several hours of work involved. There are hours upon hours of testing in an attempt to ensure the system works properly once changes are deployed.

Clyde Wafford, President of OrionNet Systems, stated “With 2016 updates ThinkHealth had several new things added such as forms designer and Single Sign-On that improved the overall system. We will be rolling out another update and deployment on Wednesday and Thursday, January 18th -19th 2017.”

Single Sign-On has been one of the most exciting additions to ThinkHealth for its members. With the capability of not only decreasing the time it takes to access the system and having to remember two logins, it has given the agency more control over the system and the ability to handle more functions without the need of support.

The team here at OrionNet Systems, wants to thank each and every member for being a loyal customer and being a part of ThinkHealth. As always your commitment and dedication is what keeps us working hard on perfecting a system that will benefit your company and the use of ThinkHealth. Your suggestions, comments, and voice are always welcome and why these updates, improvements, and deployments are done.

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2017 “Clinician Activity Training” Treatment Plans/Prior Authorizations

Join us for the Clinician Activity Training over the Treatment Plan (PA) Module. This is an in-depth walkthrough on how to complete a full treatment plan. We will concentrate on learning basic concepts, gathering accurate information, advanced time saving tools, and how to properly bill for a treatment plan in ThinkHealth.

We encourage all members to register and attend this training. If you are interested in purchasing a Continued Education Certificate for this webinar, you must complete the full 2 hours. After the webinar is over OrionNet Systems will send out an email with a secure link to purchase the CE Certificate for \$25. Once payment is received the certificate will be signed, a scanned copy will be emailed to you, and the original will be mailed to the address provided.

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Cervical Health Awareness Month

Cervical cancer was once one of the most

ICD-10 glitch leads CMS to relax physician quality penalties

The CMS issued something of a get-

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**New Employee Orientation
ODMHSAS Training Institute**

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JANUARY is ...

National Healthy Weight
Awareness Month

National Codependency
Awareness Month

Cervical cancer was once one of the most common causes of cancer death for American women. But over the last 30 years, the cervical cancer death rate has gone down by more than 50%.

The main reason for this change was the increased use of screening tests. Screening can find changes in the cervix before cancer develops. It can also find cervical cancer early – in its most curable stage. Another way to prevent cervical cancer is to get vaccinated against human papilloma virus (HPV), which causes most cases of cervical cancer.

The American Cancer Society is actively fighting cervical cancer on many fronts.

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The CMS issued something of a get-out-of-Medicare-penalties-free-card for two years to physicians and group practices due to a glitch with quality reporting measures based on a recent update to the ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes.

The CMS pointed its finger at updates that went into use Oct. 1, 2016, to the ICD-CM (Clinical Modification) and ICD-PCS (Procedural Coding System) and their impact on the Physician Quality Reporting System.

The updates “will impact CMS’s ability to process data reported on certain quality measures for the 4th quarter of CY 2016,” the agency said in a statement posted on its website.

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National Codependency Awareness Month

National Mentoring Month

National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

National Thyroid Disease Awareness Month



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An opioid epidemic is what happens when pain is treated only with pills

The United States is in the midst of a massive opioid epidemic, as [The Washington Post](#) and other news organizations have documented extensively. In 2015, more than 33,000 people died from overdoses of opioids, meaning prescription painkillers, heroin, fentanyl or any combination. That easily keeps pace here with fatal motor vehicle accidents and gun-related deaths.

Certain states have been particularly affected. The Charleston Gazette just reported that [opioid wholesalers shipped 780 million oxycodone and hydrocodone pills](#) into West Virginia over a six-year period — enough for 433 pills for every person in the state. Meanwhile, 1,728 West Virginians died from overdoses of those two drugs.

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Wishing you Peace, Happiness
& good Health for the New
Year

Year

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Mental Health First Aid

Assess risk of suicide or harm

Listen non-judgmental

Give reassurance and information

Encourage the person to get appropriate professional help

Encourage self-help and other support strategies from peers, family members, and friends

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With a new administration coming, it's on providers to speak up

Mindfulness—an Alternative to Jailtime for Repeat Drunk Drivers

Putting the wheels in motion to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will be one of the top items on the agenda for Congress when it reconvenes on Jan. 3, with legislation likely to be waiting on President-elect Donald Trump's desk when he takes office Jan. 20. How the dominos fall from there remains to be seen, and it's on behavioral healthcare advocates to make their voices heard starting this week, according to speakers on a National Council for Behavioral Health conference call Thursday.

What can providers do to protect their services in what will likely be a dramatically shifting health insurance landscape?

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A yearlong DWI/drug court program, offered as an alternative to jailtime, gives repeat offenders new skills to cope with addiction.

Some of Michelle DuVal's students don't want to be there.

As the instructor of a mindfulness meditation training that's part of a yearlong program in Albuquerque for repeat offenders arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI), she faces a wall of resistance—arms folded across chests, bodies slouched low in chairs, eyes averted.

At first. And then, something shifts.

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