

# Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting Oklahoma providers

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## OrionNet Systems is ICD-10 Ready : Are You?



OrionNet Systems, the founders of the enterprise software for behavioral health agencies, ThinkHealth Practice Management “EHR”, is ready for the ICD-9 to ICD-10 transition.

“We are here to help people be ready for any and all changeovers,” said Clyde

Wafford, president of OrionNet Systems.

The practice of medicine has changed dramatically in the last 25 years or so. There have been many new conditions discovered, many new treatments developed, and many new types of medical devices have been placed into service. The ICD-9 code set was not designed to capture all of this progress, and as such, has become bogged down with many types of modifications to attempt to capture information. The ICD-10 code set is much better at describing the current practice of medicine, and has the flexibility to adapt as medicine changes.

One of the most important concerns in the transition from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM codes is that there is no simple mapping or translation from the former to the latter. There are some one-to-one correspondences, but often there are one-to-many, many-to-one, many-to-many, or no correspondence at all.

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## Well-Being: Moving Deliberately From Deficit- To Strength-Based Thinking

Frequently, we marvel at the effects of the 2008 Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) and the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Together, almost overnight and unmistakably, they have changed the landscape for insurance coverage, care access, and care integration throughout the behavioral health field. These large-scale changes are palpable and visible in every corner of our country.

But do these legislative landmarks also have much more subtle effects? Yes, most assuredly. Of great interest to us, the ACA and MHPAEA also are changing our concept of care outcomes.

First, let’s recount a little history. For almost the past 50 years, our efforts to measure care outcomes have evolved from a focus on diagnosis, to a focus on functional impairments, to a focus on promoting wellness.

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## Why are Treatment Decisions Being Made by Insurance Companies Rather than Doctors

The high cost of treatment for mental health and substance abuse disorders has traditionally blocked many people from receiving treatment that can make their lives healthier and more productive. Even people with insurance coverage have frequently been denied care because until recently, mental health conditions have been covered differently than medical conditions.

Merriam-Webster defines parity as “the quality or state of being equal or equivalent.” This is a simple definition, but the meaning becomes muddy when it comes to deciphering the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Law (MHPAEA).

The Parity Law, which was approved in 2008 and became effective in 2010, applies to insurance providers and group health plans that provide coverage for both medical and surgical benefits and mental health/addiction.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 4  
**Independence Day**
- July 6-9  
**NAMI 2015 National Convention**  
[San Francisco, CA](#)
- July 7  
**Tribal Consultation Meeting**  
[Oklahoma City, OK](#)
- July 8  
**Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting—OHCA**  
[Oklahoma City, OK](#)
- July 16  
**Medical Advisory Committee Meeting**  
[Oklahoma City, OK](#)
- July 22  
**Stakeholder Meeting— Transition Plan— OHCA**  
[Oklahoma City, OK](#)
- July 24  
**ODMHSAS Board Meeting**  
[Oklahoma City, OK](#)
- July 28  
**World Hepatitis Day**



## JULY is ...

**Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month**

**Nations Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness & Prevention Month**



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## Adult Coloring Books Marketed For Stress Relief

As a consumer market, crafting has ever-changing trends, so enthusiasts like me are always inspired to buy new materials. Go figure. Some past trends have included knitting with ruffle yarn and using chalkboard paint on everyday surfaces like notebooks and mason jars. But the newest trend in crafting is coloring books for adults. The books offer more intricate patterns than you’d see in a child’s book, and they’re being marketed as stress-reducing interventions for those who need some downtime.

In fact, adult coloring has its own Facebook page, and I’ve even seen the book collections advertised in late-night television commercials. NBC News recently reported that in France, adult coloring books are outselling cookbooks.

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## The Supreme Court has Decided in Favor of the American People

Hallelujah, for the second time! As a not entirely unexpected outcome, the Supreme Court this week ruled in King v. Burwell. This 6-to-3 decision upholds the authority of the US Department of Health and Human Services to pay insurance premium subsidies under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to persons who seek insurance through the federal health insurance marketplace.

This decision has very broad implications. The Department operates the health insurance marketplaces for 34 states, and 85 percent of those insured actually receive premium subsidies. Families USA estimated recently that up to 6.4 million persons could lose their health insurance if the Supreme Court had struck down this provision.

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