

Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting Oklahoma providers

April 2015

The Official Web Site for the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Programs



The Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Care Record (EHR) Incentive Programs provide incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) as they adopt, implement, upgrade

or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology. Important Dates for the EHR Incentive Programs:

- **March 20, 2015:** Attestation deadline for Medicare eligible professionals.

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COMING SOON: ThinkHealth EHR Certification



Happy Easter!
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Performance Measure Development for Addiction Docs Requires Balancing Act

The American Society of Addiction Medicine's (ASAM's) newly released Performance Measures for the Addiction Specialist Physician stand to be as noteworthy for what they don't include as for what is part of the nine-measure set. A diverse panel of researchers and clinical experts concluded that they could not incorporate certain widely used addiction treatment practices into their measurement set for reasons such a lack of uniformity in how they are delivered, or their insufficient basis in rigorous research.

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Ripe or Rancid? How to Tell a Good Behavioral Acquisition From a Rotten One

Investors rightly recognize great potential in the behavioral health and substance abuse (SA) treatment market, but sorting out good investments from bad requires more than just a cursory squeeze of the fruit.

In 2010, an estimated 22.1 million Americans 12 or older were dependent on drugs or alcohol, according to federal statistics, but only 4.1 million had received treatment or therapy in the last year. Much of that care has historically been delivered by small providers, with little of it affiliated with health systems.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 1
April Fool's Day

April 5
Easter

April 8
Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting
[OKC, OK](#)

April 6-12
National Public Health Week

April 7
World Health Day

April 10
ASI Update Training
[Tulsa, OK](#)

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

April 20
ASAM Training
[OKC, OK](#)

April 20-24
Every Kid Healthy Week
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April 24-30
World Immunization Week

APRIL is

Alcohol Awareness Month

Autism Awareness Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

ThinkHealth Needs Your Feedback

ThinkHealth was recently added to Capterra's Top Mental Health Software Products list and we need your reviews!

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National Council Pilots Models for Primary Care

The National Council for Behavioral Health has announced an educational program with support from Kaiser Permanente for community health centers to become trauma-informed practices and models for replication.

"Most people will see a primary care doctor before they will see a mental health or addiction professional," said Linda Rosenberg, president and CEO of the National Council, in a statement. "They are our frontline to mitigating trauma's affect on all of us. Kaiser Permanente's investment in this space will expedite primary care settings' adoption of trauma-informed practices, which we know is the foundation of healing and recovery."

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How Colleges Can Better Serve Those in Recovery

I ran the Recovery House at Rutgers for five years and also worked in the counseling centers in two locations. The center in Newark served a campus with 13,000 students and had four full time clinicians and another six part time ones. The New Brunswick center served a campus of 55,000 and had about 40 clinicians, most of whom were full time.

Midway through the fall semester each year, I would meet students who were struggling with mental health and/or substance use disorders that had left an inpatient treatment center in late August and promptly enrolled in school on September 2. They did so either on their own or at their families' behest.

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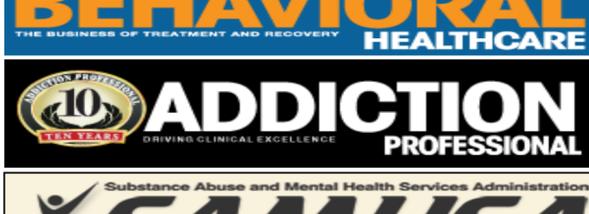
May 5, 2015: Closing Date for Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse RFP

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Thank you to all of our new friends who visited our booth at the Children's Behavioral Health Conference!



We can't wait for next year!



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