

# Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting behavioral health and substance abuse providers

September 2017

## OrionNet Systems Updates with the states laws and policy changes

After several ThinkHealth software updates/deployment this year, we would like to say thank you to our team,” said Clyde Wafford, president of OrionNet Systems.

OrionNet Systems deployed v 4.03 update on August 25th 2017. This update included the modifications necessary for agencies to comply with the new three day signature rule that was to take effect September 1st, 2017. Clyde Wafford and his team worked diligently to provide agencies with the flexibility to control and set the rules and options per each agencies needs. Understanding that the new law and State policies are ever changing, the updates and its functionality can be actively controlled by each agency.

Contact OrionNet Systems for More Information



## The Three Day Rule! – Update

OrionNet Systems will be deploying an updated for ThinkHealth later. In accordance with the new Three day rule that goes into affect September 1st, 2017, we have implemented several new features within this update. Several administrative options provide each agency the ability to control restrictions placed within the system.

OrionNet Systems will be hosting a live webinar for its members on Thursday, August 24, 2017 to prepare for the update and show how to use the features to best

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[Healthy Aging Month](#)

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Sexual Health Month

**September 4**

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**September 21**

[National School Backpack](#)

[Awareness Day](#)

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For more information regarding the update and changes contact OrionNet Systems.

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**National School Backpack**

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**SEPTEMBER is ...**

**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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Reversing the negative effects of adolescent marijuana use	How Social-Emotional Skills Can Fit into School Curricula
<p>Researchers at Western University have found a way to use pharmaceuticals to reverse the negative psychiatric effects of THC, the psychoactive chemical found in marijuana. Chronic adolescent marijuana use has previously been linked to the development of psychiatric diseases, such as schizophrenia, in adulthood. But until now, researchers were unsure of what exactly was happening in the brain to cause this to occur.</p> <p><a href="#">More Information</a></p>	<p>“No time.” Again and again, teachers tell me this is why they can’t teach social-emotional skills to their students—and it’s no wonder given the demands placed upon them. But while a 30-minute social-emotional learning (SEL) lesson might be impossible to fit into a week, slipping a social-emotional concept into already-existing curriculum content may not be .</p> <p><a href="#">More Information</a></p>

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**Healthcare organizations open helplines for those impacted by Harvey**

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, organizations from all corners of the healthcare industry are opening their phone lines to help those impacted.

New Directions (800-843-6514) and Elements Behavioral Health (844-767-9507) are among the behavioral healthcare providers who are offering assistance by phone at no cost. New Directions has licensed clinicians available to take calls and triage immediate clinical needs. Those who are members of New Directions partner health plans are provided with a list of available resources, while non-members are guided to community resources.

"When disasters like this happen, mental health, stress and anxiety are an afterthought," says Deborah Mower, communications manager at New Directions. "People think they can handle this, but many times, they can't. We want them to know help is available when they need it."

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Scientific discovery explains why stress hormone can prevent disorders after exposure to traumatic event

People who have suffered from traffic accidents, war combat, terrorist attacks and exposure to other traumatic events have an increased likelihood of developing diseases. These diseases can be psychological and physical, such as heart problems and cancer. The current preventive treatments based on psychological support and drugs are effective in some cases. Unfortunately, these treatments do not work for many individuals. It is also known that the earlier the treatment starts the better to prevent future negative consequences.

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