

# SOONERCARE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UPDATE

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## CCP AND LBHP INITIATIVES LAUNCHED JULY 1

It has been said that what doesn't kill you only makes you stronger. That seems to describe the launching of two major initiatives this past July. The Consolidated Claims Process involved the collaborative efforts of OHCA, HP, APS, and ODMHSAS. The new Licensed Behavioral Health Professional Initiative allows licensed clinicians to contract directly with OHCA to provide behavioral health services to children at risk of out-of-home place-

ment.

Adding to the excitement, OHCA, APS and several HP staff were unable to occupy their offices due to damage from spring weather issues including a major hail event, a few weeks later heavy rains and then flooding in some parts of Oklahoma City. Could there have been a more perfect storm? (No pun intended.)

Almost three months into both programs, APS has just recently returned to

their offices, OHCA and HP are still at Shepherd Mall, authorizations are being approved and the Oklahoma providers are understanding the procedures for both programs.

All of us involved with the projects (OHCA, HP, ODMHSAS and APS) wish to thank all of you for bearing with us under such extreme circumstances.

We truly appreciate your patience, support and cooperation! You are the best!

### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ [www.SoonerPro.com](http://www.SoonerPro.com) is the APS informational website for Oklahoma behavioral health providers.
- ◆ No consumer PHI (Personal Health Information) should ever be placed on this site.
- ◆ “**Subscribe**” to the SoonerPro Community Bulletin Board to receive e-mails, updates and other important information.

## MYSOONERCARE.ORG BEGAN SEPT. 7

Applying for SoonerCare benefits just became easier Sept. 7 when the new 24/7 online direct enrollment system [mySoonerCare.org](http://mySoonerCare.org), went live. The online application will take about 30 minutes to complete. In most instances, the applicant will find out instantly if he or she qualifies, unless proof is required for

residency (45 days allowed to provide documentation) or pregnancy (10 days allowed).

The website will allow a selection of mental health and/or substance abuse benefits, along with medical. A member may also visit the site to manage his or her accounts. Benefits will be approved

for 12 months.

SoonerCare member ID numbers will begin with “B” if issued through [mySoonerCare.org](http://mySoonerCare.org), unless the member had a previous SoonerCare ID that will be reactivated.

### Other Member ID Numbers

Not related to the new online enrollment sys-

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tem, providers will see “MHSAS” ID numbers that will begin with “888.” These numbers do not include SoonerCare qualifications.

**STATEWIDE OVERSIGHT CARE MANAGEMENT PROJECT'S PRELIMINARY RESULTS LOOK PROMISING**

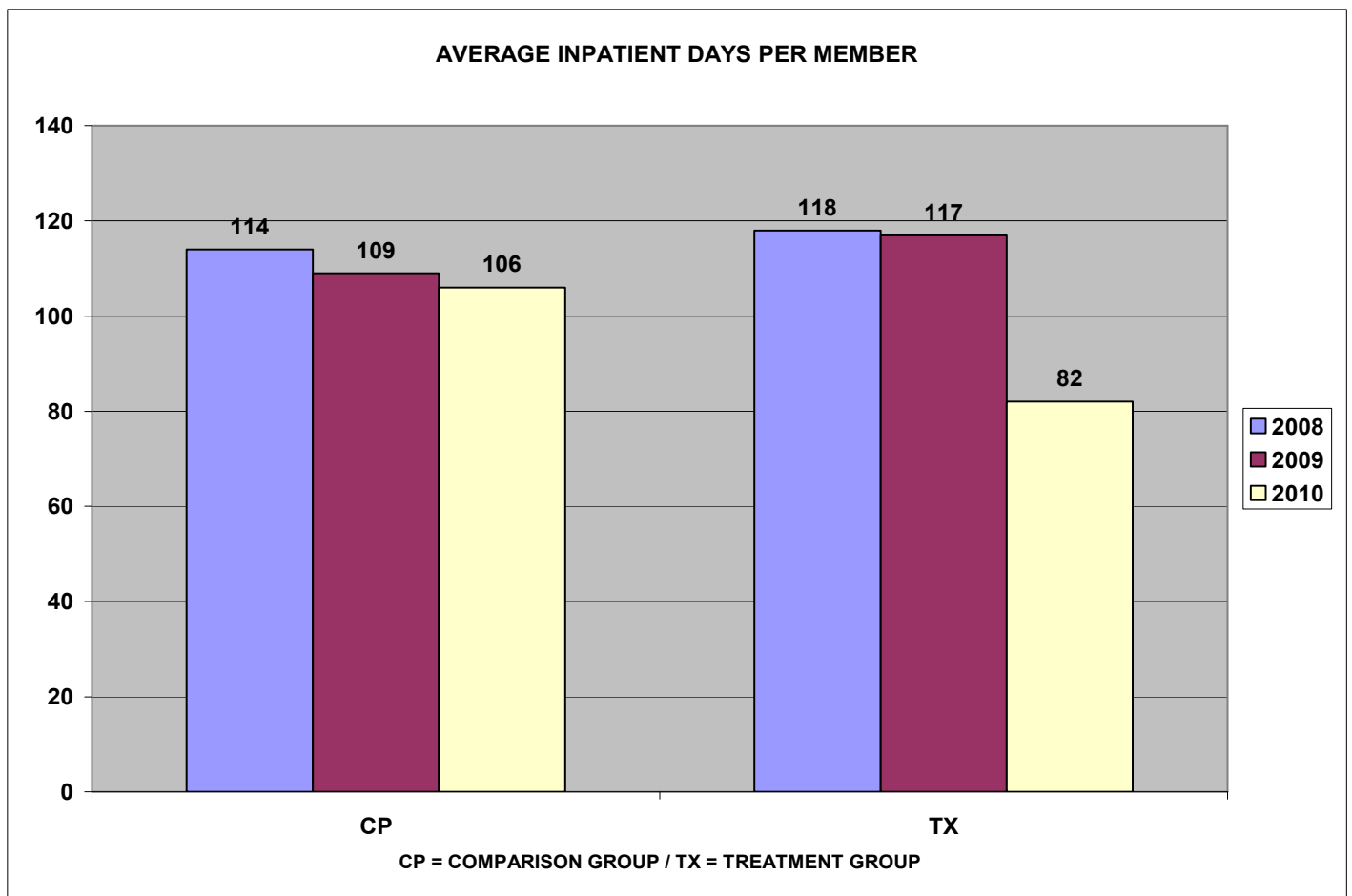
In 2005, OHCA behavioral health care coordinators initiated a quality improvement project aimed at exploring how intensive care management might affect the length of stay for many **Sooner-Care** members under the age of 21 in inpatient behavioral health settings.

This project resulted in reduced costs of approximately \$1 million. These positive results gave support for the decision to not only add care coordination services to the current QIO contract, but

also led to a collaboration of state agencies to begin a Statewide Care Management Oversight Project that is evaluated by the University of Oklahoma's E-team. Participating agencies include Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Oklahoma Juvenile Authority, Oklahoma Federation of Families, Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth and the Innovation Center.

The study began in November 2008 and will continue through December 2010.

As of May 2010, the preliminary results show a reduction in overall inpatient days per member in the treatment group of 35 days with a savings of \$1,313,832 as compared with claims data in 2008.





## OHCA FALL PROVIDER TRAININGS UNDER WAY

OHCA and Hewlett Packard Enterprises (HP) have once again partnered on the annual fall provider trainings offered throughout the state. This year's lineup of classes includes the following areas of interest:

Adjustments; Third-Party Liability; Policy; Behavioral Health/ Consolidated Claims Process; EPSDT-SBS; OLL; Med Solutions; OFMQ; Electronic Health Records - Eligible Providers and Eligible Hospitals.

Trainings will be held in the locations shown below:

Durant, OK  
Sept. 21  
Kiamichi Technical Center  
810 Waldron Road

Tulsa, OK  
Sept. 29-30  
OSU-Tulsa Conference Auditorium  
700 North Greenwood

Lawton, OK  
Oct. 14  
Great Plains Technology Center  
4500 SW Lee Boulevard

Oklahoma City  
Oct. 26-27  
Moore Norman Technology Center  
South Penn Campus Conference Center  
13301 S. Pennsylvania

For details and registration, please visit the OHCA website at <http://www.okhca.org/providers.aspx>

### 2010 Children's Mental Health Candidate Forum

**When:** Friday, Oct. 1

**Where:** St. Luke's Methodist Church, 222 NW 15th Street, Oklahoma City

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Hear what the candidates have to say about children's mental health in Oklahoma.

Take this opportunity to ask important questions and prepare yourself to vote.

Space is limited.

Please RSVP to Traci Castles at [tcastles@odmhsas.org](mailto:tcastles@odmhsas.org) or 405-522-8019.

This event is sponsored by:

- United Way of Central Oklahoma
- OK Systems of Care
- Folds of Honor Foundation
- NorthCare
- Red Rock BH Services.

## CALOCUS TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 8

The SHARE Continuing Education Series sponsored by Saint Anthony Behavioral Health Medicine will offer training on the "CALOCUS Level of Care Assessment Tool" on Oct. 8. The training will be presented by Beverly Smallwood, LCSW, and Stephen Gillaspay, Ph.D.

The CALOCUS (Child and Adolescent Level of Care Utilization System) is an assessment tool used to arrive at a level of care decision for children and adolescents

who may be at risk of out-of-home placement.

In order to perform the assessment, licensed providers must attend a CALOCUS training and receive certification in order to be eligible for reimbursement by SoonerCare.

The event will be held at Saint Anthony Behavioral Medicine in St. Mary's Conference Center, 1000 N. Lee, Oklahoma City.

Doors will open at 12:45 p.m. Training will begin

at 1 p.m. and conclude at 4:15 p.m.

Admission is free and snacks will be provided.

The seminar is for licensed behavioral health providers or licensed eligible (under supervision).

Application for CEUs will be made for LPCs, LMFTs, LCSWs and psychologists.

E-mail [lanette\\_kaiser@ssmhc.com](mailto:lanette_kaiser@ssmhc.com) to register. You will receive confirmation of registration via e-mail.

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October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month.

The National Cancer Institute estimates 207,090 women and 1,970 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010.



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## UPCOMING FALL TRAININGS

### OHCA Fall Trainings

(See page 3 for details.)

#### Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

2010 Zarrow Mental Health Symposium

Developing Resilience: Children, Youth and Families as Community Assets

Tulsa Marriot Southern Hills  
Tulsa, OK

[http://mhat.org/MHAT/Zarrow\\_Symposium\\_EN.asp?SnID=712472433](http://mhat.org/MHAT/Zarrow_Symposium_EN.asp?SnID=712472433)

#### Oct. 5

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

Candlelight Vigil in recognition of the National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding

First Presbyterian Church  
6:30 pm  
6<sup>th</sup> and Duck Streets  
Stillwater, OK

#### Oct. 5-6

35th ODAPCA Bi-Annual Fall Conference

NCED Conference Center  
Norman, OK

[www.odapca.org](http://www.odapca.org)

#### Oct. 8

Ethical Dilemmas in Meeting Mental Health Care Needs

Statewide Education Seminar

Metro Technology Center  
Springlake Campus  
1700 Springlake Drive  
Business Conference Center – Auditorium  
Oklahoma City, OK

405-522-8300

#### Oct. 8

Share Continuing Education Series

CALOCUS Level of Care Assessment Tool

(See page 3 for details and registration information.)

#### Oct. 14-15

Problem Gambling Counselor Training - Part I  
Tulsa, OK

Contact: 405-522-8300

#### Oct. 22

PTSD: Healing the Hidden Wounds

JD McCarty Center  
2002 E. Robinson  
Norman, OK

405-522-8300

#### Oct. 26-27

Correct Administration and Application of the Addiction Severity Index (ASI)

Tulsa Technology Center -  
Riverside Campus

405-522-8300

#### Oct. 28-29

Problem Gambling Counselor Training - Part II  
Tulsa, OK

Contact: 405-522-8300 or fax  
405-522-8320

#### Nov. 12

Current Drug Trends: Clandestine Methamphetamine Drug Labs in Oklahoma

JD McCarty Center  
2002 E. Robinson Street  
Norman, Oklahoma

405-522-8300

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Dec. 6-8

Fourth Annual Mental Health, Prevention and Substance Abuse Conference

Embassy Suites  
Norman, OK