



What Makes Mental Health Practice Management Different?

Let's be honest: mental + behavioral health are their own animal. While integrated care is promising advancements in the treatment of the whole client – and science continues to affirm the innate, often inexplicable, connection between the body and mind – the format in which mental health treatment is administered is different than general medicine.

This means that **an efficient mental / behavioral health EHR, EMR, or Practice Management System should support the protocols unique to your field:**

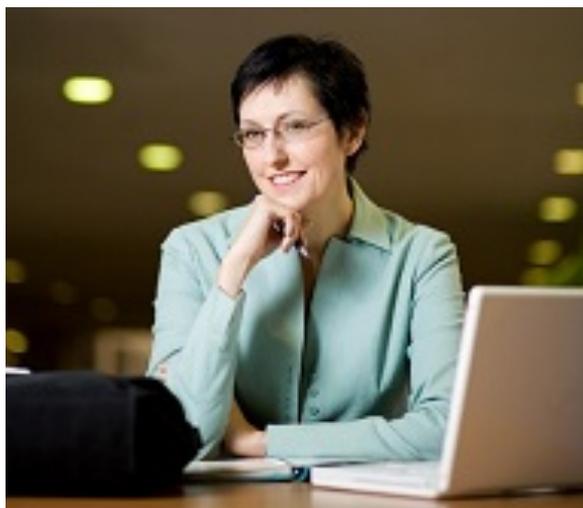
Authorization Management

General medicine doesn't usually prescribe treatment in approved batches, with a limit on how many sessions total are allowed but freedom to utilize the approved sessions when desired or as needed. **Any EHR you choose should offer comprehensive authorization management to address this format unique to mental health.**

Axes system (GAF/CGAF/WHODAS)

Because mental + behavioral health treatments encompass many disabilities, Axes system measurements like the WHODAS are often a requirement in our field. Having a practice management software with integrated Axes protocol tracking can be invaluable - and may greatly affect reimbursements - depending on how often you utilize it.

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Final Reminder

Don't miss Misery or Mastery: [Documenting Medical Necessity Using Behavioral Language and Solution Oriented Questions](#).

Join Liz Brenner and Beth Rontal on September 30th in Cambridge, MA, for this dynamic and relevant training. CEs available!

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So, What Do You Think?!

You may have noticed that we've changed our look: both the style of this newsletter - and [our website](#). We hope you like it and **welcome any [constructive feedback](#)**.

We'd also like to hear what type of articles you'd like to see more - or less - of: HIPAA? PQRS? MACRA / MIPS? ICD / DSM? Please [let us know](#) so we can adjust our content.



Clinician Toolbox

One of our unexpected, yet reliable, standbys for mental / behavioral health care resources is the New York Times Health section. There is almost always at least one good mental health article, such as "[Scuba, Parrots, Yoga: Veterans Embrace Alternative Therapies for PTSD](#)".

Do you have a favorite resource? [Share it](#) with us.

To your success!

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