

EHR

Electronic Health Records Bulletin

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2025 CureMD Updates & Reminders

❖ OUTGOING - EHR DIRECTOR

After years of dedicated service to EHR (Electronic Health Record), **Gavin Graf** has decided to make a career change, and we bid him farewell and much success in his new position as the Director of CEP (Center for Emergency Preparedness). Gavin played a vital role with the continuation of implementing the Electronic Record when he became the EHR Director. His tireless dedication to ADPH and EHR, has enabled staff to have a better knowledge of the EHR workflow, an outstanding relationship with the CureMD provider and a successful rollout with the new Billing upgrades. Gavin's last day working with EHR was on May 30, 2025. We are sad to see him go, but very excited for his new position. Thank you, Gavin, for a job well done!

❖ INCOMING - EHR DIRECTOR

We are excited to announce that **April Mullins** has officially joined EHR as our new EHR Director. April previously held the position as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Director for CEP. We are confident that April will be an asset to our team and contribute significantly to all aspects regarding CureMD and the Electronic Health Record. "Welcome to EHR April! We're glad to have you on board".

❖ CUREMD'S BILLING UPGRADES

Congratulations to everyone that contributed to a successful rollout of the New CureMD Billing Upgrades. Each of you played a major role in getting us to this point. Your input and suggestions truly helped as we worked through the issues that we encountered during the process.

❖ CLERICAL STAFF

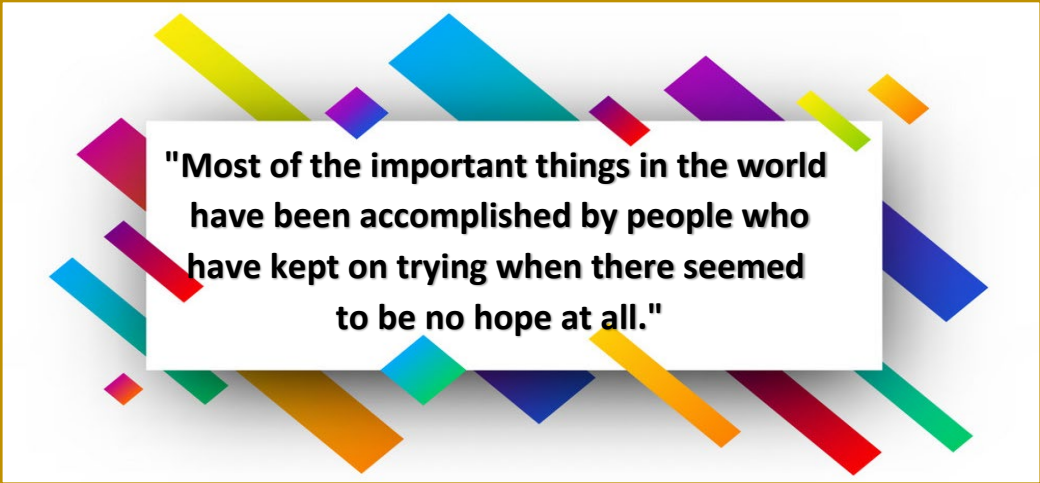
- Please route all issues regarding billing directly to April Golson or Kerlessiah Morris in BCI (Billing Compliance & Integrity) via email.
- We do not bill patients for DCS visits, nor do we file the insurance in the event the patient may receive EOB from the insurance provider.

❖ **CLERICAL STAFF** (continued)

- When terminating insurance, income and household size, please use the day prior date.
- If the patient is not self-pay, the procedure codes will not show up until the following day. If the patient owes for pills or is entered as self-pay, you will see the procedure codes once the patient is placed in Check-Out status.
- Always double check to ensure that the patient's insurance information is correct before the nurse opens the note.
- If a patient requests to be Confidential, please advise the patient that he/she is responsible for 100% of the charged visit.
- If Medicaid has incorrect date of birth in the system, please inform the patient to contact Medicaid to get it corrected. If they are not sure who to contact in Medicaid, please give them the card with Medicaid contact list. Please contact your Clerical Director for these cards if you do not have them.
- The ABCCEDP is treated as an insurance in CureMD that pays for yearly breast and cervical cancer screenings for women who qualify. For each year that the patient qualifies, there should be an effective date and a termination date for that year. This insurance should be added to the patients account under the insurance tab and the MED-IT Tracking number should be entered on the demographic screen. When adding the insurance, use the current DOS. This insurance is not intended to pay for any other services and should be terminated each year, or if the patient comes in for other services unrelated to ABCCEDP so that CureMD will not bill in error. Also, if a patient has ABCCEDP, they should not be charged any fees such as HIV Pretest Counseling.
- Please make sure that you have opted patients into the patient portal before they leave your desk. After capturing the email, please remember to create the portal login details and send to patient.

❖ **2025 EHR TRAINING**

- July 18 | August 15 | September 18 | October 17



**"Most of the important things in the world
have been accomplished by people who
have kept on trying when there seemed
to be no hope at all."**

JULY HOLIDAYS & HEALTH OBSERVANCES

- ❖ Independence Day, (7/4)
- ❖ Chronic Disease Day, (7/10)
- ❖ World Hepatitis Day, (7/28)
- ❖ Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
 - ❖ Fire Safety Month
 - ❖ UV Safety Month

Recipe for **Laughter**

INGREDIENTS

2 heap of Love
1 spoonful of Forgiveness
1 dash of Faith
1 pinch of Hope
A BIG SCOOP OF LAUGHTER

DIRECTIONS

Add all ingredients together
Add your special unique flavor
Mix well
Spread over a lifetime

Laughter heals the soul!

HELPFUL LINKS YOU MAY FIND USEFUL

[ADPH Districts & Health
Departments](#)

[ADPH Guide to Services](#)

[Central Office Telephone
Listing](#)

[Map \(Public Health Districts\)](#)

[CDC Vaccines](#)

[VAERS](#)

Fun Facts: Fireworks

Every year Americans spend around \$1billion dollars on fireworks for the 4th of July celebration. It's very captivating to watch fireworks as they burst into the air. No matter how many times we have seen the burst of fireworks in the air, the feeling we experience is like a first-time experience mixed with a huge adrenaline rush.

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**Have a
Safe and Happy
4th of July**

Stay Safe from Lawn Mower-related Injuries

Lawn mowers can be “mean machines.” An estimated 80,000 people are treated in emergency rooms each year for injuries ranging from minor cuts to severe injuries such as amputations. Walk-behind and riding lawn mowers pose dangers to both the user and bystanders, and children are particularly vulnerable. From 2019 through 2023, there were approximately 24 lawn mower-associated deaths in Alabama. *

The American Academy of Pediatrics, American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, American Society of Plastic Surgeons, American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons, and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons offer the following safety tips to help prevent lawn mower-related injuries:

- Children should be at least 12 years old before they operate any lawn mower, and at least 16 years old for a ride-on mower.
- Children should never be passengers on ride-on mowers.
- Always wear sturdy shoes while mowing--not sandals.
- Young children should be at a safe distance from the area you are mowing.
- Before mowing, pick up stones, toys, and debris from the lawn to prevent injuries from flying objects.
- Always wear eye and hearing protection.
- Use a mower with a control that stops it from moving forward if the handle is released.
- Never pull backward or mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary--carefully look for others behind you when you do.
- Start and refuel mowers outdoors--not in a garage. Refuel with the motor turned off and cool.
- Blade settings should be set by an adult only.
- Wait for blades to stop completely before removing the grass catcher, unclogging the discharge chute, or crossing gravel roads.
- Avoid driving backwards unless absolutely required. Use extreme caution if it is necessary to drive backward.
- When purchasing a lawn mower, look for one with a forward control mechanism that stops the machine from moving if the handle is released.

Remember that lawn mowers are powerful machines and must be used properly to prevent what could be life-changing injuries.

**Our department's Center for Health Statistics noted that although these deaths were associated with (or involved) a lawn mower, the deaths were not necessarily directly caused by a lawn mower.*

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