

ASAM Monthly Technical Assistance Series

October 4, 2021

10am-11am



Reminders

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- Suggestions for future call topics? Please submit to RA-DAASAM@pa.gov.

Agenda

Introductions	10:00am – 10:05am
Overview & Purpose	10:05am – 10:10am
ASAM Alignment Website	10:10am-10:15am
Training	10:15am-10:25am
Adolescents	10:25am-10:35am
Withdrawal Management	10:35am-10:40am
Co-Occurring	10:40am-10:45am
Monitoring/Overview of 1115 Waiver Requirements	10:45am-10:55am
Topic for next TA meeting on November 1	10:55am-11:00am

Presenter Introductions

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Overview and Purpose

1. Present up to date information about ASAM alignment.
2. Provide a forum in which all entities directly involved in ASAM alignment rollout are present. (DDAP, DHS, Mercer, SCAs, Managed Care Organizations).
3. Provide training and resources on areas of ASAM alignment that appear to be most challenging or unclear.

ASAM Alignment Website Updates

- ✓ Archived old ASAM documents
 - ✓ FAQs
 - ✓ Timelines
 - ✓ Level of Care Specific videos
- ✓ Put levels of care from lowest to highest (1.0-4.0)
- ✓ Updated level of care specific presentation slides
- ✓ Ongoing: Level 2.5 and 3.7 Aligned Facilities
- ✓ Future: removing all LOC specific FAQ and replacing with one centralized FAQ
- ✓ [ASAM Transition \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov)



ASAM Transition

[ASAM Alignment Memorandum](#)



Aligned Facilities

[ASAM Level 2.5 \(Partial Hospitalization Services\) Aligned Facilities](#)

[ASAM Level 3.7 \(Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient\) Aligned Facilities](#)

ASAM Service Alignment

- [Timeline for ongoing ASAM Alignment](#)

[Expand All](#)

Level 1.0 Outpatient

[View documents](#)



Level 2.0 Intensive Outpatient

[View documents](#)



Level 3.0 Residential/Inpatient Services


Questions about the ASAM Transition?

Email RA-DAASAM@pa.gov



We are updating the ASAM portion of our website to ensure all information is easy to navigate and up-to-date. The [ASAM archive page](#) contains all previously available ASAM documentation and guidance.

Trainings

- [ASAM Monthly Technical Assistance Series](#)
- [ASAM Training Website](#) 
- [September 2021 Training Update](#)
- [DDAP ASAM-Related Trainings](#)

Effective Jan 1, 2020, DDAP expanded its approved curriculum to include online training through The Change Companies' ASAM Criteria 2013 Edition E-Learning Modules. [Learn more.](#)

Application documents

- [ASAM Application Guidance - 9/19](#)
- [Risk Rating Tip Sheet - 3/20](#)

ASAM Historical Documents

- [Listening Sessions Presentation - 6/18](#)
- [Presentation from meeting with HealthChoices representatives - 10/18](#)
- [Letter to General Assembly - 5/18](#)

ASAM Criteria Training

- Train for Change: 2-day ASAM Criteria 2013 Skill Building training.
 - Check www.trainforchange.net for upcoming events
- The Change Companies: ASAM Criteria Modules I and II
 - Each modules worth 5 CEU
 - Visit <https://www.changecompanies.net/etraining/> for access

Foundational ASAM Criteria 2013 training requirements are not accessed via DDAP's Training Management System (TMS)

Motivational Interviewing – Advancing the Practice

- Occurring both in classroom and virtually
- Log-in to your DDAP Training management system (TMS) account to view event schedules and to register
- Demand for this course is high, please continue to check TMS for available seating or contact your Single County Authority to schedule.

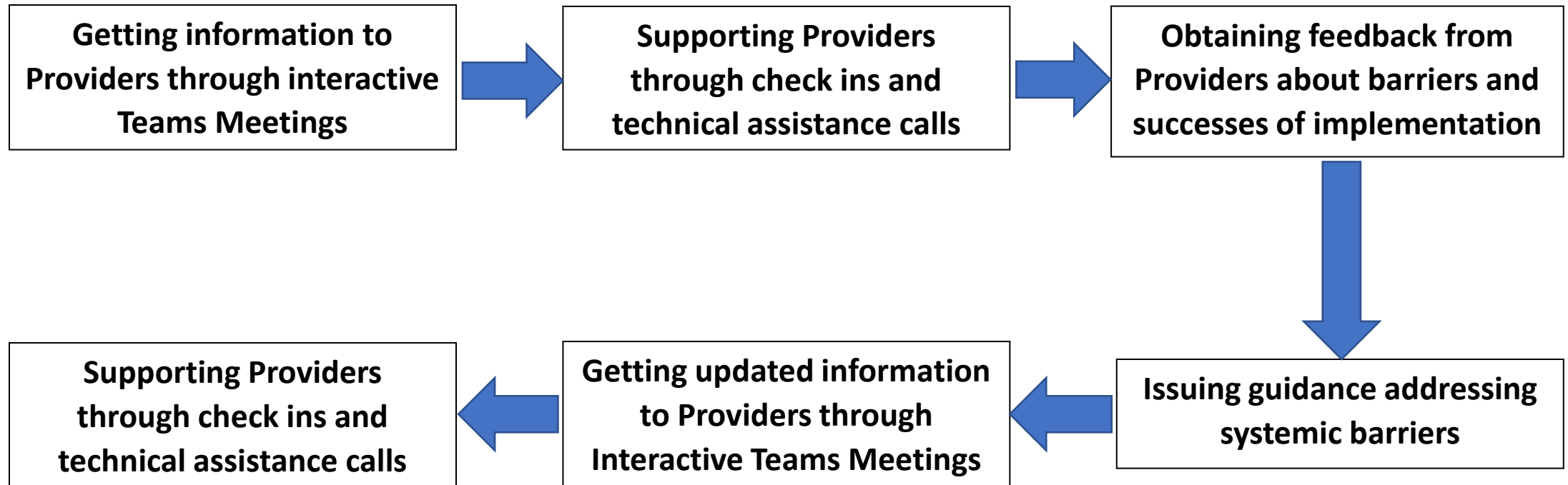
Treatment Planning with the ASAM Criteria

- Launched in August 2021 and currently piloting
- This is an optional course meant to compliment ASAM Criteria 2013 skills training. Participants are highly encouraged to first complete required ASAM Criteria training before taking this course.
- This course is not a substitute for foundational ASAM Criteria 2013 required training described previously.
- Can be attended in classroom or virtually
- Visit DDAP's Training Management System to register

Adolescent ASAM Alignment

- Multi-phased approach
- Guiding Group
- Starting with 3.0 LOC

Adolescent ASAM Alignment Process



Withdrawal Management

- ✓ DDAP will be providing additional materials specific to WM
- ✓ Efforts will focus on The ASAM Criteria, 2013 edition pages 128-143
- ✓ Inpatient non-hospital and hospital detoxification = considered aligned
- ✓ Ambulatory WM = DDAP is reviewing and gathering information

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) / Co-Occurring Disorders

**Office of Mental Health and
Substance Abuse Services**

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- DHS and DDAP are collaborating to develop a bulletin to address requirement for ASAM
 - Announce co-occurring enhanced services are to be provided in accordance with the criteria developed by ASAM.
 - Issue requirements for a co-occurring enhanced program.

- The bulletin will:
 - Provide guidance on establishing quality care delivery system for treatment of individuals presenting with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders
 - Outline the need for all co-occurring enhanced services to be provided in accordance with ASAM criteria.



- Outcome Expectations
 - Adolescents, adults and young adults shall be treated by utilizing ASAM criteria.
 - Programs should assume that individuals coming into SUD treatment are likely to have co-occurring conditions and needs.
 - All programs must have an adequate service system to either assess and refer (co-occurring capable) to appropriate mental health services or provide services to individuals diagnosed with a co-occurring disorder to ensure the best clinical outcomes (co-occurring enhanced).
 - Utilize clinical knowledge, clinical practice and public policy to address the needs of the individual instead of “placement”.

- Completion of bulletin
 - Anticipated by mid-spring 2022

Monitoring

Why Monitor for ASAM?

Ensure Compliance with the SUD 1115 Waiver Requirements:

- Access to critical Levels of Care (LOCs)
- Use of evidence-based, SUD-specific patient placement criteria
- Use of nationally recognized SUD-specific program standards to set provider qualifications for residential treatment facilities

Monitoring Tasks



Determine alignment with the ASAM Criteria, 3rd Edition, 2013 appropriate to each level.



Ensure providers are enrolled within the Medical Assistance (MA) Program at the appropriate ASAM LOC.



Develop an on-going monitoring process for MA Providers and all contracted providers consistent with the new criteria.



Develop monitoring tools to include a review of the facility's infrastructure and record review to ensure compliance with the latest edition of ASAM Criteria.

Monitoring ASAM - Tool

- Infrastructure review – the focus is on examining policies and procedures
- Application – two-part process
 - Interview
 - Record review

Next TA Call: November 1 @10am

Topic = Navigating barriers for implementing MAT at
all Levels of Care

Questions? Requests for Technical Assistance?

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