

**DDAP Monthly Technical Assistance Series**  
**Different Types of Onsite Reviews**  
**Question and Answers**  
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Q: Does licensing view the actual training certificates?

*The Bureau of Licensing will review training certificates to verify compliance with the Chapter 704 regulations for the positions of project director, facility director, clinical supervisor, counselors, and counselors' assistants to ensure they have received the appropriate number of training hours. Additionally, the bureau will verify staff have completed the required trainings of HIV/AIDS and TB/STD per the regulations. This usually occurs during the annual inspection.*

*During the ASAM Alignment Reviews completed by the BHMCOs and SCAs, staff will review ASAM Training Certificates to ensure clinical staff have been trained utilizing The ASAM Criteria, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.*

*In addition, SCAs will monitor and review training certificates for compliance with the Case Management and Clinical Services Manual training requirements as part of Provider Monitoring.*

Q: Is the ASAM 4th edition very different from the 3rd edition?

*A: There are differences between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Information on the ASAM 4<sup>th</sup> Edition can be found here: <https://www.asam.org/asam-criteria>*

Q: ASAM is currently in its 4th edition. Are there any plans for transitioning to the most up to date criteria?

*A: According to Act 70, treatment providers receiving federal funds and funds from Single County Authorities are required to use The ASAM Criteria, 2013, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. A change to the Administrative Code would be required before any changes to the alignment could be made.*

Q: Is there an online ASAM alignment manual to access?

*A: Currently, residential providers are undergoing ASAM Alignment Review. A tool was sent to all providers undergoing review. Additional information about the alignment process should be requested through the DHS resource account at: [RA-PWOMHSASASAM@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWOMHSASASAM@pa.gov).*