



## Memorandum

**Date:** January 17, 2024

**To:** Substance Use Disorder Providers

**From:** Ebony Sloan Clarke, Director, Office of Behavioral Health, Oregon Health Authority  
Vivian Levy, Interim Medicaid Director, Oregon Health Authority

**Subject:** RE: Provider ASAM Application Process Pause Ending 1/17/2024

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Dear Valued Providers,

OHA again wants to express gratitude for all your efforts regarding the implementation of Oregon's 1115 SUD waiver, and the feedback and concerns that you have shared. Please see below the set of next steps we will take moving forward.

- 1) After careful review of the SUD 1115 Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) OHA determined that certification for all levels of care is required to achieve the Continuum of Care expected by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). Therefore, the temporary pause on requiring applications for the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) levels of care will be lifted effective 1/17/24. All programs who have not yet submitted their applications should do so by 2/17/24. Attached are the ASAM Level of Care applications. Please review the following information and reach out with any questions or request for assistance.
  - All currently certified and licensed substance use disorder treatment programs in the State of Oregon, regardless of payer type, level of care or population served, must submit these applications for approval.
  - All providers complete the "Main ASAM Level of Care Application" and each LOC Addendum that matches the level(s) of care that is currently rendered and those that the program intends to offer prior to April 1, 2024. For example: if the provider has an outpatient services program, two residential facilities and a withdrawal management facility, 5 documents will be submitted.
  - Please submit the application document(s) in full, no later than February 17, 2024 to: [sud.waiver@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:sud.waiver@odhsoha.oregon.gov)
  - If you have questions or need assistance as you prepare the application documents, please contact your Compliance Specialist.
- 2) We will file emergency rules to clarify understanding, identify and address barriers related to services provided to clients at time of intake. There will be a work session facilitated by Samantha Byers, Adult Behavioral Health Director, and Nicole Corbin, Addiction Treatment, Recovery, and Prevention Manager, on **Friday, January 26, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** to focus on this work. We will include feedback and suggestions that we have already received as well as what is provided during this work session for consideration. We will then file emergency rules; this timing is to ensure that the 180-day timeline does not add additional burden during what is anticipated to

be a busy legislative session. If you would like to be included in this work session, please email Hanna Christensen at [hanna.p.christensen@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:hanna.p.christensen@oha.oregon.gov).

- 3) After the 2024 Legislative session is concluded, the OHA will convene a workgroup to review and update additional rules. This workgroup will include focus on ASAM, identifying the appropriate level of specificity in rule, prescriptive clinical language that needs to be modified, and other areas identified by the workgroup. Information about how to participate in this workgroup will be distributed after session has ended.

In the meantime, the OHA will begin reviewing the applications that have already been submitted.

Thank you for your commitment to improving behavioral health services in Oregon. We look forward to continuing our work together in the new year.