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**Hello SUD provider community,  
Summer has arrived!**



### TOPICS in this newsletter:

- **June ASAM Implementation Workgroups**
- **Timeline for the ASAM implementation project**
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- **ASAM Level of Care applications**
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- **Call for July agenda**
- **Please reach out as needed**

### June ASAM Implementation Workgroups – a recap:

- Recordings are posted on the ASAM webpage:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Pages/ASAM-Workgroups.aspx>
- Mostly we covered the topics listed in the June Agenda email
- The Tribal implementation workgroup decided to build a Tribal ASAM Assessment document together. Carisa Silver-Wings Dwyer is coordinating with a few Tribal providers in preparation for the July Tribal ASAM Implementation Workgroup.

- The June Agenda email is attached here.

### **Timeline for the ASAM implementation project:**

- April 7, 2023: OARs are effective and listed on Secretary of State website
- April 14, 2023: OHA issued a Memo with a guidance document about the new rules, and 3 PDFs of 309-018, 309-019, and 415-050 - all containing highlights of the compliance timelines for the new rules
- April 20, 2023: OHA offered an ASAM Q&A session for the new rules
- May, 2023 through April 2024: OHA offers monthly ASAM Implementation Workgroups
- June 1, 2023: OHA has sent the ASAM Level of Care applications to providers by this date, per OAR (*sent on May 30*)
- October 1, 2023: Providers have submitted the ASAM Level of Care applications to HSD by this date
- January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024: HSD is finalizing ASAM Level of Care applications and issues updated certificates and licenses to approved programs
- April 1, 2024: OHA begins compliance for ASAM rules for all ASAM Levels of Care

### **ASAM Assessments:**

- ASAM assessments was the focus of much of the time in most workgroups this month.
- Options for ASAM-compliant assessments are to adapt your own assessment to meet the rule requirements for The ASAM Criteria *or* implement a version of the ASAM assessment that is proprietary to ASAM (the entity). For more information on The ASAM CONTINUUM software, please reach out to Susan Davis at [SUSAN.DAVIS@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:SUSAN.DAVIS@oha.oregon.gov)
- HSD recommends providers consult with their Compliance Specialist prior to implementing any changes to the ASAM assessment that is accepted through the ASAM Level of Care application process.

### **Aligning with the Integrated Co-occurring Disorders workgroup**

- This workgroup of 15 providers lead by David Corse, HSD, is creating an integrated co-occurring assessment template. Melissa Farin is participating.
- The workgroup will have an assessment that is compliant with both 309-019-0145 and the ASAM requirements for outpatient services, possibly residential as well.
- The template(s) are scheduled to be available and posted on an HSD webpage around the end of August/ beginning of September, and prior to the October 1, 2023 due date of the ASAM Level of Care applications.

### **ASAM Level of Care applications were emailed on May 30, 2023**

- If you have not received that email, please email Melissa Farin.
- If you want a consultation with your Compliance Specialist and/ or Melissa Farin, please reach out.

## OTP Workgroup

- *John McIlveen* will be sending an invite

## ASAM Textbooks

- Went into the mail a few weeks ago, please email [@Davis Susan](#) if you have not received them.
- If you have a PO Box as a mailing address and did not provide a street address for these to be mailed to, please communicate with Susan Davis at [SUSAN.DAVIS@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:SUSAN.DAVIS@oha.oregon.gov)

## ASAM Trainings

- HSD is still contracting to purchase these trainings for all CADCs.
- *There is no ASAM training that your program is expected by HSD to pay for at this time.*
- The trainings will be address the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of *The ASAM Criteria*.
- HSD anticipates the trainings will be available beginning in January, 2024, but this depends on contracting and when the trainings are made available.

**Call for July Workgroup Agenda!** Please email Melissa Farin with any thoughts, questions or ideas for the July ASAM Implementation Workgroups. Other feedback is always welcome.

- What focus is going to make the workgroups in July be the best use of your time?
- How can HSD support your work?
- How can providers support each other?
- One topic that seems sticky is the workflow of updating an assessment on file that is internal or one that was obtained from another program. The rules don't specify any details about updating assessments and frequent questions include how old the full assessment can be as it is updated or the number of updates that can be done on a full assessment.

**Please continue to reach out as needed.**

**Many thanks and much appreciation,**

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In everything you do, have you asked yourself, how will this affect the Oregon Tribes?

Link to the ASAM Implementation Workgroup webpage:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Pages/ASAM-Workgroups.aspx>

Link to OARs: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/ruleSearch.action>

