

# Review ASAM 4 Transition Project Goals

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# ***The ASAM Criteria, Fourth Edition***

## **American Society of Addiction Medicine**

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- *The ASAM Criteria* defines national standards for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment.
- Providers assess the patient's health, emotional well-being and home environment,
- To determine what type of services and level of care they need.

The goal is to make sure each person gets the right help, at the right time, in the right place.

# Project Goal

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OHA will align with *The ASAM Criteria, Fourth Edition* by updating the Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) and payment model, as well as revising the Behavioral Health licensing & certification application, materials and tools.

This change will be driven by

- Leveraging OARs
- Developing policy guidance
- Promoting internal & external community engagement

# BH Vision



## Strategic Goal

Eliminate health inequities  
in Oregon by 2030

### Transforming behavioral health

- Build a behavioral system that works for every child, teen, adult, and family experiencing mental illness or harmful substance use
- **By expanding integrated, coordinated and culturally responsive behavioral health services when and where people need them**
- Guided by people with lived experience.

# Introducing the Project Team

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# When & how will the changes occur?



Milestone and Tasks	Start Date	End Date
▼ -Initiation and Planning	07/09/25	12/31/25
▼ - ASAM 4 Project Engagement	10/01/25	09/30/26
▼ -Rule Revision Project	03/31/26	01/01/27
▼ -Planning for Upcoming Projects	09/02/25	07/01/27
Finalize and file rules	09/01/26	11/30/26
Implement Licensing and Certification Updates	01/01/27	01/01/27
Implement Payment Model	01/01/27	01/01/27
▼ -Training and Outreach	11/30/26	06/01/27

# Engagement Options

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Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has begun the process to adapt The ASAM Criteria, Fourth Edition.

This project will include updating Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs), reviewing payment models, and developing policy guidance. Substance Use Disorder treatment providers are expected to implement The ASAM 4<sup>th</sup> Criteria by July 1, 2027.

You can engage through the following options:

1. Submit feedback via the [ASAM 4 Transition Project Smartsheet Survey](#).
2. Receive email updates; please complete the [Partner Contact Information Form](#).
3. ON HOLD: Attend monthly meetings; please visit the [ASAM Implementation of the SUD 1115 Waiver website](#) for meeting information.

# Thank you

ASAM Feedback  
Form

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## Questions? Comments?

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# Tabled Slides

# ASAM Project Goals (draft)

December 2025	January 2026	February 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce Goals and Proposed Timeline to <u>Internal</u> Partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research &amp; Identify Payment Model Needs</li> <li>Review Rules &amp; Identify Potential Changes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research &amp; Identify Chapter 309 and ASAM Rule Needs (BH &amp; Medicaid)</li> </ul>
March 2026	April 2026	May 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin Writing Rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review &amp; Integrate Adolescent Criteria Guidance into Rules</li> <li><u>Planning for Engagement</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Align Chapter 415 with Rule Updates</li> <li>DOJ and Executive Review of Rule Revisions</li> <li>Send Tribal Letter (DTLL)</li> </ul>
June 2026	July 2026	August 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOJ and Executive Review of Rule Revisions</li> <li><u>Develop RAC Engagement Schedule</u></li> <li><u>File NPRM after DOJ Review</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct Rule Advisory Committees (RACs)</li> <li>DOJ and Executive Review of Rule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct Rule RACs</li> <li>DOJ and Executive Review of Rule</li> </ul>
September 2026	October 2026	November 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize Rules</li> <li>Payment Model Considerations and Decisions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASAM Licensing and Certification Process Finalized</li> </ul>	<p><u>File Rules</u> – effective 1/1/27; provider compliance 7/1/27</p>

# What has changed from ASAM 3 to 4?

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This new edition builds off the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition by providing new guidelines for the assessment and treatment of substance use disorder.

This new guidance focuses on individual care plans and incorporates updated scientific evidence that promotes a person-centered approach.

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

1. Added a new dimension: “Person-Centered Considerations”
2. Removed the “Readiness to Change” dimension
3. Added guidance to ensure readiness is considered within each dimension

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4. Added guidance to ensure programs are co-occurring capable and address co-occurring conditions
5. Revised risk rating tool and added new subdimensions
6. Integrated risk ratings into the Dimensional Admission Criteria decision rules
7. Added guidance to ensure “Treatment Planning Assessments” occur once patients begin treatment
8. Withdrawal management is integrated in the medically managed levels of care
9. Revised existing guidance to ensure “patients are reassessed over time and treatment plans are reviewed” and updated to inform transitions in care  
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