

Memorandum

To: Oregon Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers

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Subject: *Reconciling of The ASAM Criteria, Third Edition and The ASAM
Criteria, Fourth Edition – **Updated Timeline***

OHA has extended the timeline for Substance Use Disorders Treatment Providers to demonstrate compliance with *The ASAM Criteria, Fourth Edition*. The new date is July 1, 2027. This extension considers the timing on ASAM's release of a Fourth Edition version for treating adolescents. It is also intended to allow providers time for an effective transition.

OHA continues the work to revise and update Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) to reflect *The ASAM Criteria, Fourth Edition* and to develop training and technical assistance resources to assist providers with the transition. More communication related to the OAR project and related community engagement is coming soon.

Updated Timeline:

For any licensing and/or certification renewal reviews that occur prior to July 1, 2027, OHA's Licensing and Certification Unit will extend all ASAM levels of care previously approved in alignment with the renewal period. To ensure continued eligibility for Medicaid reimbursement, providers must be licensed and/or certified and have each level of care reflected on their license/certificate. Please ensure you can move forward with the implementation of *The ASAM Criteria, Fourth Edition* effective July 1, 2027.

OHA is offering one training per individual clinician until July 1, 2026. Each provider can determine whether to get training on the *Third Edition* or the *Fourth Edition*.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this memorandum related to your license or certificate of approval, contact Cissie Bollinger at Cissie.M.Bollinger@oha.oregon.gov.

If you have questions about this memorandum related to the implementation of *ASAM, Fourth Edition*, contact the SUD Waiver Project Team at sud.waiver@oha.oregon.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of Oregon's behavioral health system and for the services you provide.