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Subject: Provider ASAM Application Process Pause Ending 1/16/2024

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is ending the pause on ASAM Certification Applications, which went into effect September 2023. For providers who have not yet submitted their application for ASAM certification of all levels, applications are due by End of Business **February 17, 2024**.

Why is this happening?

After careful review of the SUD 1115 [Special Terms and Conditions](#) (STC's) 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). When determining which levels of care would require an ASAM certification, Milestone 1 from the STC's provided clarification as follows:

ACCESS TO CRITICAL LEVELS OF CARE FOR OUD AND OTHER SUDS

Access to Critical Levels of Care for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and other Substance Use Disorders (SUDs). Coverage of OUD/SUD treatment services across a comprehensive continuum of care including: outpatient; intensive outpatient; medication assisted treatment (medication as well as counseling and other services with sufficient provider capacity to meet needs of Medicaid beneficiaries in the state); intensive levels of care in residential and inpatient settings; and medically supervised withdrawal management, within 12-24 months of demonstration approval;

What should you do?

Providers who have not yet submitted applications for all of the levels of care they provide, applications must be submitted by End of Business February 17, 2024. Information on the application process may be found on the [ASAM Workgroup Webpage](#).

If you have already submitted your application, OHA will be in contact with you if there are additional documents needed or corrections required to your application ahead of the April 1, 2024 go-live date.

Technical Assistance will be offered to applicants to support providers through direct feedback from OHA regarding completeness of application, including documentation needed and areas of application that need provider review and updating. Additionally, monthly ASAM Workgroups will resume and groups have been restructured based on provider feedback. Invitations to these ASAM Workgroups to follow.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the SUD 1115 Policy Team at sud.waiver@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

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