



Provider Notice

From: Magellan Healthcare

Subject: Transition to ASAM 4th Edition

Overview

Magellan is preparing for the transition from the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, 3rd Edition to the ASAM Criteria, 4th Edition for Idaho Behavioral Health Plan (IBHP) members receiving substance use disorder services. Additional information will be communicated once an official transition date has been identified.

The ASAM Criteria is a nationally recognized framework that guides person-centered assessment, treatment planning, and level of care decisions for individuals with substance use and co-occurring conditions.

Magellan is aligning implementation efforts to support a consistent transition across the provider network.

What providers should know and what providers need to do

- Magellan will implement updated criteria to support clinical decision-making, documentation, and level of care determinations.
- Implementation planning is underway and we will share additional details as they become available.
- As with prior updates, Magellan will provide guidance to support provider readiness and alignment with expectations.
- For now, the only ask is for you to complete the provider readiness survey noted below.

Training and preparation

To support a smooth transition, ASAM has developed a range of [licensed training opportunities](#) delivered by The Change Companies®, ASAM's official training partner. These trainings are available online and are designed to support accurate application of the ASAM criteria.

We encourage you to begin planning now to align with documentation standards and clinical expectations under ASAM 4th Edition.

Provider readiness survey

Magellan requests your feedback to better understand readiness for the ASAM 4th Edition for adults and youth, and identify areas where additional support may be needed.

- Complete the [brief readiness survey](#) by Nov. 15, 2026.
- Survey responses will help inform training, communication, and implementation planning
- Participation is voluntary but strongly encouraged

Additional updates

Magellan will continue to provide updates as implementation approaches, including:

- Training and education opportunities
- System and workflow guidance
- Implementation expectations and timelines
- Reimbursement changes
- Billing guidance

Questions?

Please contact Magellan at IdahoProvider@MagellanHealth.com.