



Provider Notice

From: Magellan Healthcare

Subject: Prepare for ASAM Criteria, 4th Edition

Overview

Later this year, Magellan will implement the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, 4th Edition for adults for Idaho Behavioral Health Plan (IBHP) members receiving substance use services. The ASAM Criteria® is a nationally recognized assessment that guides patient-centered treatment planning and level of care decisions for individuals with substance use and co-occurring conditions.

Youth assessments

There will be no changes to youth assessments. Youth will continue to be assessed using the ASAM Criteria, 3rd Edition, as the updated youth version is not yet available.

Training opportunities

To help providers transition smoothly, ASAM has developed a range of [licensed training opportunities](#) delivered exclusively by The Change Companies®, ASAM's official training partner. These trainings are designed to ensure accurate understanding and proper application of the ASAM Criteria, including the new 4th Edition for adults. Options include online, virtual, and in-person formats, each offering practical guidance for assessment, treatment planning, and level of care decisions.

We encourage you to begin planning now to align with the documentation standards and clinical expectations outlined in ASAM Criteria, 4th Edition. **Magellan will send more information as we get closer to implementation; please watch for further updates.** We appreciate your continued commitment to delivering evidence-based, person-centered care.

Questions?

Please contact Magellan at IdahoProvider@MagellanHealth.com.