



Provider Notice

From: Magellan Healthcare

Subject: Magellan prepares for ASAM 4th edition transition in 2027

Overview

Magellan is preparing for the transition from the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 3rd edition to the ASAM 4th edition criteria. We want to keep providers informed as we plan for this important update.

Our current plan is to begin implementation in early 2027, with a tentative start date of Jan. 1, 2027. This timeline will likely shift once ASAM releases the child and adolescent criteria for the 4th edition. ASAM has indicated that this release is expected sometime in the first quarter of 2026.

To support a smoother transition for providers, we intend to implement the adult and child/adolescent criteria together, rather than making two separate updates. Depending on the timing of ASAM's release, our go-live date will likely move to later in the first quarter of 2027. As with previous system transitions, our go-live would occur 6–8 months after the start of our internal implementation timeline.

We will continue to keep you updated as ASAM provides more information and as our timeline becomes more concrete.

Questions?

Please contact Magellan at IdahoProvider@MagellanHealth.com.