

# ASAM UPDATE

## January 2020

### 1. TRAINING UPDATES:

- a. To date, nearly 8,700 Pennsylvania professionals have been trained in the use of *The ASAM Criteria, 2013* via 2-day, in person training events.
- b. As of January 1, 2020, DDAP has added an online option to its approved *ASAM Criteria, 2013* trainings. Online modules 1 and 2 offered by The Change Companies or the in-person trainings offered by Train for Change can now satisfy the training requirement. Details about online *ASAM Criteria, 2013* training is on DDAP's website: <https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Professionals/Documents/ASAM%20Page/ASAM%20Training%20Notice%207.10.pdf>
- c. In-person trainings will be scheduled at the discretion of DDAP and other sponsoring entities or as arranged independently with Train for Change.

### 2. SERVICE ALIGNMENT TO ASAM CRITERIA:

- a. In 2020, DDAP and DHS will be aligning service delivery (hours, service descriptions, staff qualifications) to *The ASAM Criteria, 2013*.
- b. Preliminary designations for residential services were issued based on provider reported staffing. However, staffing alone does not assure that the services described by the criteria is being delivered in residential or ambulatory treatment settings.
- c. Newly licensed residential providers or those who did not complete the designation survey may do so at <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/e493be90d4714530a7ade2cf8084edf4>. DDAP will issue preliminary designation letters periodically upon survey completion.
- d. A systematic "roll out" of service delivery descriptions and expectations will occur during the first half of 2020, beginning with residential services (3.0). DDAP and DHS will be communicating details through in-person discussions, listserv communications, web postings, etc. Please sign up for the DDAP listserv to assure you receive all the latest ASAM-related announcements <https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Pages/Announcements.aspx>
- e. DDAP will continue to align with the ASAM Criteria by no longer delineating 2 types of 3.5 LOC, i.e. 3.5 Rehabilitative and 3.5 Habilitative. Services including length of stay within a 3.5 LOC should be determined based on the identified needs of the individual within those programs. This change will not result in any loss of capacity or changes in licensing. The focus on providing services that meet the needs of each individual and not the length of stay should support overall quality and continuity of service efforts. Those *specialized* 3.5 programs which have been longer in length and more intense in service, specifically PWWWC services and those programs that have a criminal justice component still have the capacity to offer the services that are necessary, requesting the amount of time needed to address needs identified in the 6-dimensional assessment/re-assessment. Client need should always drive length of stay and not be program-driven.
- f. DDAP/DHS expects to be fully aligned with service delivery by July 1, 2021.