

TIMELINE FOR ONGOING ASAM ALIGNMENT (8/20/2020)

Category	Action to be completed	2020	2/28/21	7/1/21	7/1/22	Beyond
I. Setting	Policy regarding variable LoS submitted included in contract language			x		
II. Support Systems	Clinical hours align with the ASAM Criteria			x		
III. Staff	Policies and procedures are in place as evidenced through documentation			x ¹		
	There is documentation of training plans for each staff, reflective of responsibilities and clinical activities			x		
	Clinical supervisor has documentation of COD training in file				x	
	All staff have foundational awareness of Motivational Enhancement strategies / stages of change documented in training records	x ²		x		
	All staff are trained in DDAP approved MI by indicated dates in addendum and documents in training records.					x See Addendum
	Staff qualifications must be documented, and effective 7/1/21, new hires must become credentialed as outlined in <i>PA Expectations Addendum</i>			x See Addendum		x
IV. Therapies	Clinical hours align with the ASAM Criteria/PA Expectations			x		
	Offers pharmacotherapies as a treatment option	x ³		x		

¹ Because much of the alignment process involves the creation of policy and procedure, providers should begin writing these immediately in order to have ample time for completion of this aspect of the process.

² Between 7/2020 and 7/2021, staff should demonstrate a foundational awareness of MI & Stages of Change necessary to apply these concepts to use of the ASAM Criteria, 2013 under the direction of clinical supervision. Foundational knowledge should be documented in each staff's training record until formal, DDAP-approved training can occur, by the specified date.

³ In order to achieve best-practice that is individualized, use of FDA-approved medications to treat SUD should be permitted by those admitted to treatment, along with collaboration between the treatment provider and the prescriber of the medication therapy.

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	Provides motivational enhancement and engagement strategies	x ⁴		x		x
	Has policy and procedures for medication monitoring			x ⁵		
	Offers services with and for patient's family and significant others			x	x ⁶	x
	Uses a range of EBPs/therapies by counselors appropriately trained in the modalities as reflected on the training plans/educational records			x ⁷	x	x
V. Assessment/ Treatment Plan Review	Has an independent process for assessment or validation by the SCA for accuracy of application criteria and neutrality of patient choice		x	x		
	Providers must utilize/validate the LOCA completed by the assessing entity		x ⁸	x		
	Individualizes treatment plans			x		
	Tx plans are used by individuals and counselors during the therapeutic sessions			x		
	Policies and procedures to align reassessment and Tx plan update process with the ASAM criteria			x		
	Need for and referral to physical examination documented in patient record, as applicable			x		
VI. Documentation	As noted in the criteria and Guidance Document			x		

⁴ Motivational enhancement strategies rather than confrontational approaches should be utilized.

⁵ This medication monitoring goes beyond MAT for SUD.

⁶ While treatment sessions with family members should be able to be offered more readily, treatment *for* family members may require more time for development.

⁷ Therapies and EBPs delivered by appropriately trained staff should be available on 7/1/2020 but are expected to increase in availability over time as well.

⁸ To facilitate timely engagement into treatment, through signed consent in the referral process, the LOCA should transfer to the treating facility and not be redone.

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Monitoring for ASAM Alignment/ Compliance		Tool Est'd		Alignment begins	Alignment Cont's	Ongoing
ADDITIONAL ASAM ALIGNMENT ACTIVITIES						
Development of "Best Practices for Individualized Care" Tip Sheet			Winter 2021			
Risk Rating Online Presentation		6/2020				
Discussion/Roll out Of ASAM Service Descriptions	See DDAP website for schedule of webinar events	7/2020 to 10/2020				
Meetings w/ stakeholder groups	Arranged through DDAP Director of Intergovernmental Affairs	7/2020 to 10/2020				x
SCA Contracting Language to Reflect ASAM Alignment				x		