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To: Behavioral Health Service Organizations (PT 03) Provider Letter # A-14
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From: Leslie H. Hoffmann
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RE: American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level of Care (LOC) Certification Extension

The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is granting an extension for all SUD residential and inpatient treatment providers to obtain the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level of Care (LOC) Certification:

DMS will allow residential and inpatient providers adequate time to prepare for and successfully obtain the ASAM LOC Certification that may have been impacted due to constraints of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), as well as certifying bodies.

All SUD residential and inpatient providers shall obtain the appropriate ASAM LOC Certification in accordance with The ASAM Criteria **by July 1, 2022**.

DMS expects providers to have submitted their Certification application by July 1, 2021 to ensure successful possession of the certification by July 1, 2022. If you have not obtained the ASAM Certification and completed a maintenance application in Kentucky Medicaid Partner Portal Application (KY MPPA) to include the certification, you should send notification received by CARF the application submission was complete to DMS.Issues@ky.gov with subject line: *ASAM LOC Certification Application by July, 1 2021*.

Once obtained ASAM LOC Certification, you should complete a maintenance application in Kentucky KY MPPA **by July 1, 2022**. For questions regarding the maintenance application process, please contact the KY MPPA Contact Center at 877-838-5085.

Questions regarding this communication should be submitted to DMS.Issues@ky.gov