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**PROVIDER LETTER**

**TO:** Behavioral Health Providers

*Hospital (PT 01 / PL # A-271)*  
*Psychiatric Hospital (PT 02 / PL #A-113)*  
*Behavioral Health Service Organization (PT 03 / PL #A-29)*  
*Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PT 04 / PL #A-131)*  
*Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Level II (PT 05 / PL #A-4)*  
*Chemical Dependency Treatment (PT 06 / PL #A-10)*  
*Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (PT 16 / PL #A-11)*  
*School Based Health Services (PT 21 / PL #A-17)*  
*Community Mental Health Services (PT 30 / PL #A-130)*  
*Licensed Professional Art Therapist (PT 62 / PL #A-15)*  
*Licensed Behavioral Analyst (PT 63 / PL #A-13)*  
*Licensed Behavioral Analyst (PT 639 / PL #A-10)*  
*Physician (PT 64 / PL #A-401)*  
*Physician Group (PT 65 / PL #A-56)*  
*Behavioral Health Multi-Specialty Group (PT 66 / PL #A-19)*  
*Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (PT 67 / PL #A-8)*  
*Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor Group (PT 679 / PL #A-5)*  
*Nurse Midwife (PT 72 / PL #A-12)*

*Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (PT 74 / PL #A-41)*  
*Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Group (PT 749 / PL #A-5)*  
*Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (PT 78 / PL #A-115)*  
*Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Group (PT 789 / PL #A-14)*  
*Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (PT 81 / PL #A-16)*  
*Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Group (PT 819 / PL #A-16)*  
*Licensed Clinical Social Worker (PT 82 / PL #A-22)*  
*Licensed Clinical Social Worker Group (PT 829 / PL #A-13)*  
*Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (PT 83 / PL #A-16)*  
*Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Group (PT 839 / PL #A-13)*  
*Licensed Psychological Practitioner (PT 84 / PL #A-15)*  
*Licensed Psychological Practitioner Group (PT 849 / PL #A-13)*  
*Licensed Psychologist (PT 89 / PL #A-21)*  
*Licensed Psychologist Group (PT 899 / PL #A-13)*  
*Psychiatric Distinct Part Unit (PT 92 / PL #A-1)*  
*Rehabilitation Distinct Part Unit (PT 93 / PL #A-1)*  
*Physician's Assistant (PT 95 / PL #A-111)*  
*Physician's Assistant Group (PT 959 / PL #A-9)*

**FROM:** Dr. Leslie H. Hoffmann  
Deputy Commissioner, Department for Medicaid Services

**DATE:** May 23, 2025

**RE:** American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Fourth Edition

The *ASAM Criteria* is the most widely used set of standards for placement for individuals with addiction and co-occurring conditions. In 2019, the KY Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) implemented the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) 1115 Waiver Demonstration and adopted the *ASAM Criteria* as the standard for SUD treatment.

The *ASAM Criteria 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* was released in late 2023. **Effective June 25, 2025**, for SUD adult services, programs should transition to utilizing the current edition (*ASAM Criteria 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*) according to Chapter 15 Behavioral Health regulations. Subsequent volumes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition are forthcoming. In the interim, for adolescent SUD services, programs should continue utilizing the *ASAM Criteria 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*.

Information and materials regarding the *ASAM Criteria 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* are located at: <https://www.asam.org/asam-criteria/asam-criteria-4th-edition>.

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The Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (BHDID) is developing training opportunities to support treatment providers in implementing the *ASAM Criteria 4th Edition*. This will afford providers an opportunity to become familiar with the new version of ASAM, and to have the knowledge to apply the updated standards effectively. BHDID will share more information as it becomes available.

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to [DMS.Issues@ky.gov](mailto:DMS.Issues@ky.gov)