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## Network Communication Bulletin #102

**To:** All Providers of State and Medicaid Funded Services

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**Subject:** ASAM Training Project for North Carolina, ASAM Criteria (Two-Day) Skill Building Training-Live Interactive Webinar, Important NCSNAP Reminders

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### **THE ASAM TRAINING PROJECT FOR NORTH CAROLINA**

The Division of Health Benefits NC Medicaid and the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS) are pleased to offer a variety of opportunities to participate in *The ASAM Criteria* Training. This training project is a part of the 1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstration Waiver implementation plan. The plan includes: 1) the use of *The ASAM Criteria* to determine the appropriate level of care required for beneficiaries and 2) ensuring direct enrolled professionals providing comprehensive clinical assessments (CCA), diagnostic assessments (DA) and other evaluations have the knowledge, skills and ability to make an ASAM level of care determination for beneficiaries with a substance use disorder diagnosis.

#### **AUDIENCE**

These training opportunities are exclusively for behavioral health clinicians in North Carolina (LP, LPA, LCSW, LCSW-A, LCMHC, LCMHC-A, LCAS, LCAS-A, CCS, LMFT, LMFT-A, PA, NP, MD) who are contracted with an LME/MCO or a Standard Plan to provide CCA, DA, and other evaluations.

#### **TRAINING OPTIONS**

##### **Live Training**

Train for Change, Inc®, in collaboration with UNC School of Social Work–Behavioral Health Springboard (BHS) and Northwest AHEC, will facilitate this **live online two day**, application-focused training that provides participants with an in-depth look at the theoretical foundations of the Criteria, including clinically driven services, biopsychosocial assessment, the six dimensions, continued stay and transfer/discharge criteria.

Incorporating the use of the new edition of *The ASAM Criteria*, participants will have opportunities for skill practice at every stage of the treatment process: assessment, engagement, treatment planning, continuing care and transfer or discharge. As part of the training, all participants receive an in-depth Training Journal to guide the training experience and as a resource for continuing skill application.

**Registration opens:** July 13, 2020, for training dates beginning in August. Events will be scheduled throughout the year ending June 2021.

**Registration fee:** \$90

Live training includes 13 contact hours, the time-limited use of an electronic version of *The ASAM Criteria* manual (3rd Edition) and an opportunity to obtain a hard copy of *The ASAM Criteria* manual for the cost of shipping (\$15.50 per manual).

Please visit <https://bhs.unc.edu/asam/dashboard> for more information including continuing education credit options, training dates and registration.

### **The ASAM Criteria eTraining**

The Division of Health Benefits NC Medicaid and DMH/DD/SAS have partnered with The Change Companies® for the purchase of extended-access licenses for practitioners to access three modules of eTraining covering *The ASAM Criteria*.

#### **ASAM Module 1 - Multidimensional Assessment (5.0 CEUs)**

This effective and accessible solution for training will help practitioners understand, assess and implement the six dimensions of the American Society of Addiction Medicine's *The ASAM Criteria*. Each section is devoted to a certain component of *The ASAM Criteria*, and information is reinforced through knowledge checks and a final exam that learners must pass in order to receive credit. Skills that reinforce the module's learning objectives are practiced and applied through interactive case studies and followed up with review from Chief Editor of *The ASAM Criteria*, Dr. David Mee-Lee.

#### **ASAM Module 2 - From Assessment to Service Planning and Level of Care (5.0 CEUs)**

Hosted by Dr. David Mee-Lee, Chief Editor of *The ASAM Criteria*

This course helps practitioners understand how to work with a participant's assessment and service planning to identify the best level of care in which to provide his or her services. Skills that reinforce the module's learning objectives are practiced and applied through interactive case studies and Dr. Mee-Lee provides real-world application and description via brief video clips throughout the module.

### **ASAM Module 3 - Introduction to *The ASAM Criteria* (2.0 CEUs)**

This effective and accessible solution for training will serve as a quick orientation and reference guide for the new edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine's criteria for patient assessment, service planning and level of care placement. *The ASAM Criteria* (2013), now in its Third Edition, introduces new context and content key to the field of addiction treatment.

**Registration opens:** August 3, 2020.

**Registration fee:** \$75

eTraining includes 12 continuing education credit hours provided through The Change Companies®, and access to the modules through June 30, 2021.

Please visit <https://bhs.unc.edu/asam/dashboard> for more information, including registration.

**See all information** [HERE](#)

### **THE ASAM CRITERIA (TWO-DAY) SKILL BUILDING TRAINING-LIVE INTERACTIVE WEBINAR**

This two-day application-focused training provides participants with an in-depth look at the theoretical foundations of *The ASAM Criteria*, including clinically driven services, biopsychosocial assessment, the six dimensions, continued stay and transfer/discharge criteria. Incorporating the use of the new edition of *The ASAM Criteria*, participants will have opportunities for skill practice at every stage of the treatment process: assessment, engagement, treatment planning, continuing care and transfer or discharge. Special attention will be paid to the Opioid Treatment Services (OTS) chapter of *The ASAM Criteria* (2013) that includes Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) and Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT); and the use of psychosocial treatments for clients receiving opioid use disorder treatment medication. As part of the training, all participants receive an in-depth Training Journal to guide the training experience and as a resource for continuing skill application.

**Dates:** Various dates beginning August 3, 2020, and continuing through June 2021

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. both days

**Virtual Location:** Zoom platform with hosting by <https://bhs.unc.edu>

**Registration:** opens July 13, 2020 and closes 7 days prior to each event date

**Registration fee:** \$90.

Registration fee is specific to the dates selected and is not transferable to a different date. Fee includes 13 contact hours, the time-limited use of an electronic version of *The ASAM Criteria* manual (3rd Edition) and an opportunity to obtain a hard copy of *The ASAM*

*Criteria* manual for the cost of shipping (\$15.50 per manual).

Please visit <https://bhs.unc.edu/asam/dashboard> for training dates and to register.

**Refunds:** Upon request, a refund may be issued up to 7 days before the training.

**Trainers:** This program is being provided by Train for Change®. Please visit our website to find the trainers for specific training dates and their bios.

**For more information visit:** <https://bhs.unc.edu/asam/dashboard>

**For questions or concerns:** [bhrp-support@listserv.unc.edu](mailto:bhrp-support@listserv.unc.edu)

## AUDIENCE

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## Objectives

1. Review paradigm shifts and evolutions in generations of care that led to *The ASAM Criteria*
2. Apply The ASAM Criteria's decisional flow
3. Identify and describe the six ASAM criteria assessment dimensions
4. Rate risk and severity across all dimensions
5. Identify services and modalities needed, as well as treatment planning approaches
6. Identify appropriate patient levels of care
7. Review special populations and emerging research about addiction
8. Develop strategies to overcome real-world barriers to implementing *The ASAM Criteria*

## Continuing Education

\*Participants are not allowed to miss more than 30 minutes of the entire 2-day training. No partial credit will be given. All participants completing the training will be issued a certificate of completion demonstrating **13 contact hours**. **NBCC:** An application has been made to NBCC for co-sponsorship credit approval. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work, NBCC ACEP #6642, and Northwest AHEC, ACEP #5465, are cosponsors of this program. Both ACEPs are responsible for this program, including the awarding of NBCC credit. **13 contact hours**. This course has been approved by the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board for **13 SS EBT contact hours**. Approval # 20-478-S, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work is an Approved Provider by the National Council on Problem Gambling, NCPG CEU Approved Provider Number 08/801.

**13 contact hours. 13.0 Nursing Contact Hours** - Northwest Area Health Education Center (NWAHEC) is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the North Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Continuing Medical Education **Credit:** The Wake Forest School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 12.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>TM</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Accreditation:** This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Wake Forest School of Medicine and UNC Chapel Hill. The Wake Forest School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**Disclosure:** None of the planning committee members, speakers, faculty or staff have anything to disclose relevant to this activity.

## AGENDA

Day 1		Day 2	
8:30–9 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	8:30–9 a.m.	Follow-up and review of Day 1
9–10:30 a.m.	Pre-Test	9–9:30 a.m.	Levels of Care (cont.)
10:30–11 a.m.	Review Paradigm Shifts and Guiding Principles	9:30–9:45 a.m.	Break
11–11:30 a.m.	Systems Change	9:45–10:15 a.m.	Risk Ratings
11:30–11:45 a.m.	Break	10:15 a.m.–12 p.m.	Case Study
11:45 a.m.–12 p.m.	Decisional Flow/ Immediate Needs	12–1 p.m.	Lunch
12–1 p.m.	Lunch	1–2 p.m.	Case Study (cont.)
1–3 p.m.	Overview of the dimensions (Activity)	2– 2:45 p.m.	Continued Stay, Transfer and Discharge Criteria
3–3:45 p.m.	Dimensional and Diagnostic Admission Criteria (Activity)	2:45–3 p.m.	Break
3:45–4 p.m.	Break	3–3:30 p.m.	Special Populations
4–4:30 p.m.	Levels of Care	3:30–4 p.m.	Roadblocks and Improvement Opportunities
		4–4:30 p.m.	Back at the Office Implementation Planning

See all information [HERE](#)

## **IMPORTANT NCSNAP REMINDERS**

### **All persons served by the State's Developmental Disabilities (DD) System Require an NC SNAP:**

- 🌱 Assessments should be completed and submitted upon initial contact with the I/DD service system (Provider)
- 🌱 Assessments should be updated annually and anytime a significant change has occurred in the individual's needs/level of support

### **NC SNAPs must be submitted via email or fax:**

- 🌱 Email: [NCsnap@TrilliumNC.org](mailto:NCsnap@TrilliumNC.org)
- 🌱 Fax Number: 252-215-6874; 910-353-4954

### **Ensure NC SNAPs are filled out completely prior to submission:**

- 🌱 Assessments missing pertinent information (Consumer ID Number, Type of Assessment, etc.) will be returned to the provider for correction
- 🌱 Individual's Case Number should be the member's Trillium Case/Record Number
- 🌱 Assessments may be completed "by hand" but should be written in clear/legible handwriting (please do not use cursive handwriting)
- 🌱 Members' social security numbers should not be recorded on NC SNAPs

### **Each page of the NC SNAP must be submitted for initial and annual assessments:**

- 🌱 NC SNAP Summary Report & Supplemental Information forms may be sent in isolation for Discharge NC SNAPs only
- 🌱 Incomplete assessments will not be processed, and will be returned to the provider (via email)

### **Discharge NC SNAPs should be submitted as promptly as possible:**

- 🌱 Please do not wait until the member is due for an annual NC SNAP update to submit discharge NC SNAP
- 🌱 If a member has changed providers, the new provider should be listed on the Summary Report & Supplemental Information page of the NC SNAP

### **NC SNAPs submitted via email must be sent securely:**

- 🌱 Members' names/initials should not be listed within the subject line of the email (this is an electronic HIPPA violation)

### **The date of NC SNAP assessment should reflect the date that assessments are completed:**

- 🌱 Assessments listing a future date cannot be entered into the database
- 🌱 Assessments containing a future date will be returned to the provider for correction

**Past-due NC SNAP Notifications are sent out weekly:**

- 🌱 Please respond to requests for updated NC SNAPs as promptly as possible
- 🌱 A Plan of Correction will be issued for providers that fail to submit assessments after the third request has been sent

**Necessary corrections to a member's NC SNAP utilizing the following procedures:**

- 🌱 Corrections should be made by the individual who completed the assessment
- 🌱 One single line shall be drawn through the error, making sure the original entry is still legible
- 🌱 The corrected information shall be recorded legibly above or near the original entry
- 🌱 An explanation as to the type of documentation error shall be included whenever the reason for the correction is unclear
- 🌱 Correction fluid or tape shall not be used for the correction of errors

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Any questions about this Communication Bulletin may be sent to the following email: [NetworkManagement@TrilliumNC.org](mailto:NetworkManagement@TrilliumNC.org). These questions will be answered in a Q&A format and published on Trillium's website.