Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notification
ASAM Training Expectations and Request for Provider Attestations
November 26, 2018

Background
As previously indicated, Community Behavioral Health (CBH) and Behavioral Health Special Initiative (BHSI) will be using American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for drug and alcohol level of care determinations beginning on January 1, 2019. The implementation of ASAM criteria aligns with the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) transition from Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria (PCPC) to ASAM.

Training Expectations
Provider staff who will conduct ASAM Assessments should be registered for the two-day ASAM Skills Building Training. Additionally, the Philadelphia Single County Authority requires that at least one clinician from each provider be trained in the three-day ASAM Criteria Implementation Leadership Training, “Implementation Champions.” A certificate will not be issued until participants have completed the three-day training and two hours of coaching calls. If the participant misses either the second or third day of training, they will be required to make-up the last two days of training. For additional training details, including schedule and registration, contact ASAMphila@gmail.com.

Attestations
Recognizing that ASAM Implementation will add a new service level (ASAM 3.7), the following will occur:

- All current providers of non-hospital rehabilitation services (PCPC 3B) will be reclassified as Clinically Managed, High-Intensity Residential Services (ASAM 3.5)
- Providers of non-hospital rehabilitation services (PCPC 3B and 3C) that meet requirements for ASAM Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient Services (ASAM 3.7) should submit a attestation using the “American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level 3.7 Attestation” form, found posted on the CBH website under this Notification, to their assigned CBH Provider Representative by December 26, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned CBH Provider Relations Representative.