



**Community Behavioral Health (CBH): Provider Notification  
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Training Requirement  
December 7, 2018**

Please see urgent reminder below from Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services (DBHIDS) leaders regarding the ASAM training requirement for DBHIDS provider staff. Prompt action is required. Please direct any questions to your CBH Provider Representative.



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Promoting Recovery, Resilience & Self Determination*

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Greetings,

It has come to our attention that responsiveness to ASAM training opportunities has decreased significantly. The ASAM 2-day skills building training is required by DDAP for all contracted provider agency staff who are: credentialed counselors or clinicians, certified addictions counselors, registered nurses, psychologists and physicians, etc., who will conduct ASAM assessments, receive this mandated training. To date we have trained over 900 clinicians of the submitted 1,600 staff who need training.

Failure to fulfil this DDAP Requirement may result in the following:

- Assessors who are not trained will be required to have supervisory review and sign off on any level of care determinations.
- Utilization review will be conducted using the ASAM framework as of 1/1/19. Those not trained may have challenges determining the appropriate levels of care.
- DBHIDS will be offering ASAM trainings through March 2019. However, we cannot guarantee availability of the training to provider staff after that date.
- Discontinued participation in the Provider network

We are very concerned about the realities of scheduling availability for the mandated ASAM trainings after that time. Therefore, it is imperative that the trainings be attended by all contracted D&A providers and DBHIDS staff, who will conduct ASAM assessments or play a role in assessment, utilization management and/or provider oversight. Please ensure that you and your teams register for trainings as soon as you receive an invitation. If your staff information needs to be updated please contact [ASAMphila@gmail.com](mailto:ASAMphila@gmail.com) for additional instructions on submitting new staff members who are in need of this training. Please contact [ASAMphila@gmail.com](mailto:ASAMphila@gmail.com) with additional questions.

Sincerely,

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