



Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notification American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 3.5 Level of Care Crosswalk Guidance January 7, 2019

As previously communicated, Community Behavioral Health (CBH) and Behavioral Health Special Initiative (BHSI) are now using the ASAM for level of care determinations in alignment with the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) transition from Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria (PCPC) to American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria.

DDAP has provided guidance regarding ASAM 3.5 level of care (previously PCPC 3B Non-Hospital Drug and Alcohol Short-Term Rehab and 3C Non-Hospital Drug and Alcohol Long-Term Rehab levels of care) [here](#) (pages 15-19). The ASAM 3.5 LOC contains two designations:

- ASAM 3.5-**High** Intensity Residential Services (Short Term). This was previously known as PCPC 3B and does **NOT** require a precertification.
- ASAM 3.5-**Highest** Intensity Residential Services (Long Term). This was previously known as PCPC 3C and **DOES** require a precertification.

All providers of PCPC 3B Non-Hospital Drug and Alcohol Short-Term Rehab are considered ASAM 3.5-**High** Intensity Residential Services (Short Term) while providers of 3C Non-Hospital Drug and Alcohol Long-Term Rehab services are considered ASAM 3.5-**Highest** Intensity Residential Services (Long Term) at this time. Final designations will be determined after guidance is issued by DDAP.

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