Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notice
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
Outpatient Provider Forum
December 10, 2019 (Corrected)

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

CBH will host a provider forum for in-network Outpatient substance use providers to discuss the impacts of CBH’s transition to align with the ASAM criteria. The forum will take place on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The following topics will be discussed at the forum:

- Development of standards for outpatient substance use providers
- Forecast changes to the fee for service reimbursement model
- Training resources available to providers to assist in the ASAM transition

It is imperative that a representative from each in-network provider of licensed outpatient substance use services be present at this forum to receive these updates. For additional information regarding available ASAM trainings, please contact the Behavioral Health Training and Education Network (BHTEN) at BHTEN.com.

Please direct any additional questions regarding this Notice to your assigned CBH provider Relations Representative.