

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Outpatient Billing Update

As previously indicated, Community Behavioral Health (CBH) and Behavioral Health Special Initiative (BHSI) transitioned to the use of American Society of Addiction Medicine Criteria (ASAM) for level of care determinations on January 1, 2019, in alignment with the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) transition from Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria (PCPC) to ASAM criteria. To continue this alignment, beginning July 1, 2021, PCPC IOP and PCPC OP providers will transition to ASAM OP providers. This transition will impact how providers submit claims for reimbursement. Please make note of the following changes:

- ➔ The COVID-19 Alternative Payment Arrangement (APA) will be extended through September 30, 2021. The ASAM OP Case Rate will begin on October 1, 2021.
- ➔ On June 30, 2021, the 375-11 and 375-13 Level of Care (LOC) codes (IOP/IOP with Interpreter) will be terminated from provider contracts.
- ➔ Providers are instructed to continue to submit encounters via the appropriate 350 LOC codes (D&A Outpatient) for **ALL** services provided.
- ➔ Drug and Alcohol 350 LOC codes require coordination of benefits for those members who have primary insurance other than CBH.
- ➔ The 375-2 and 375-12 LOC codes (methadone) will remain on provider contracts after June 30, 2021, but will be updated prior to October 1, 2021. Providers will receive additional notifications concerning this update.
- ➔ A new LOC will be created for the ASAM OP Case Rate. Further instructions will be distributed to providers prior to October 1, 2021.

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