

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Alignment

Community Behavioral Health (CBH) is committed to supporting high-quality services for members with substance use disorders through the evidence-based approach outlined in the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria. Pennsylvania implemented the use of ASAM Criteria, 3rd edition, in July 2018. CBH is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) to ensure all substance use disorder (SUD) services are aligned with the criteria in the ASAM, 3rd edition.

All licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities in Pennsylvania are required to align with the ASAM Criteria. Providers delivering ASAM 3.1, 3.5, 3.7, and 3.7-WM must demonstrate an ASAM alignment score of 1 for both the Infrastructure and Record Review portions of ASAM monitoring. The ASAM alignment reviews occur every three years once the providers receive a score of “1”. Providers who receive a score other than “1” will be engaged in a progressive correction action process, including but not limited to the following:

- ➡ Provider will be placed on corrective action plan (CAP) with monitoring requirements and a timeline to achieve ASAM alignment.
- ➡ Suspension of new admissions
- ➡ Ineligible to respond to procurements
- ➡ Termination of contract with CBH

CBH accepts the ASAM reviews conducted by the other behavioral health managed care organizations (BH-MCO) in Pennsylvania. This applies to all in-network providers who have service locations located outside of Philadelphia County. CBH will not engage in a single case agreement with any provider who is not ASAM aligned.

Technical assistance (TA) is available for in-network providers in Philadelphia County. TA can help providers achieve and maintain their ASAM alignment score of “1.” Please contact [Emilee Garbe](#) if you are interested in CBH’s support.

Provider Resource Links:

- ➡ [Pennsylvania Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\) 1115 Demonstration](#)

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➔ **[Pennsylvania ASAM FAQs](#)**

Contact your assigned provider relations representative with your questions.