

MHIL Provider Memo

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ASAM 4th Edition Scheduled to Go Live April 29, 2024

Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) would like providers to know that the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 4th Edition for Adults will be in effect starting on **April 29, 2024**. The criteria will be used for reviewing requests for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) residential and subacute detox (codes H0010, Subacute Detox; and H0047, SUD Residential) in adults.

On this date, Molina's Utilization Management (UM) will transition from ASAM 3rd Edition to 4th Edition criteria to review for SUD treatment in nonhospital settings (adults only). Reviews for SUD treatment for adolescents in nonhospital settings will remain in ASAM 3rd Edition.

Summary of changes

The six dimensions of ASAM criteria were updated in the 4th Edition. The 3rd Edition's 'Dimension 4: Readiness to Change' does **not** contribute independently to the recommended Level of Care (LOC); rather, it impacts clinical judgments related to risks in other dimensions and influences the services that should be delivered at any LOC. This should be carefully considered in treatment planning.

The 4th Edition reorders the dimensions such that consideration of 'Readiness to Change' is integrated across dimensions and replaced by a new dimension: 'Dimension 6: Person-Centered Considerations.' This new dimension considers barriers to care, including Social Determinants of Health (SDOH), patient preferences, and the need for motivational enhancement.

The 4th Edition also simplifies and updates dimension names to reflect the field's evolving terminology and facilitate effective dissemination of these standards.

Providers should visit [ASAM online](#) for additional details and usage guidelines.

Questions?

We're here to help. Contact your dedicated Provider Relations Manager or email the Provider Network Management team at MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com. To help identify your dedicated Provider Relations Manager, visit our [Service Area page](#) at MolinaHealthcare.com.

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