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Good day, SUD treatment community! What a great turnout for the first week of ASAM implementation workgroups!

As I began to write a quick email about a few updates, I have reconsidered and decided to send an ASAM Implementation Newsletter after workgroups conclude each month. This will not replace the ASAM FAQ, which will continue to be updated as needed.

FAQ link: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/SUDWaiver/ASAM-Criteria-FAQ.pdf>

1. If you are considering the **ASAM assessment software** or just want to know more, please respond to email titled, 'Letter of Interest for the ASAM CONTINUUM software' by **Friday, May 19** so that HSD has an idea to budget the contract. There is no obligation to decide on an ASAM assessment tool. Each program can decide if it wants to modify the assessment currently in use or select a version of ASAM's assessment tool.
2. April 17, 2023 ASAM rules **Memo**: the documents accompanying the Memo were redone by copying the rules from the Secretary of State (SOS) webpage and highlighting them in the same way. The corrected 309-018, 309-019, and 415-050 rules with highlights will be emailed today, May 30, 2023, with the Memo and list of ASAM rules.
3. ASAM implementation work for the 1115 SUD Waiver now has its own **webpage**! You will find all our historical and future meetings there, and some of the helpful links such as FAQ. Please take a look, it is much like the 1115 SUD Waiver page (hold Control while clicking if needed): <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Pages/ASAM-Workgroups.aspx>

- It takes a couple business days to post the meeting recordings and any documents.
 - There are unique links for each workgroup that matches the one in the appointments in your calendar, giving more access to the community.
 - HSD just went through and made sure all the links are working and everything currently available has been posted.
4. Help HSD build a **listserv** for each of the workgroups so communications can be targeted when applicable. Please respond only to me with a list of the specific workgroup(s) you want your email added to. These emails will also be added to the main listserv. The workgroup schedule is listed below.
5. **ASAM Implementation Workgroups** started the week of May 15th. Please bring your questions and thoughts for discussion. The intent is for HSD to support provider implementation by providing clarification, technical assistance, listening to providers about what is working or not, and for providers to collaborate, share and develop ideas. We can look at drafts of policies, assessments and other documents and make sure they meet rule requirements. To ensure these remain small and useful, please only attend the workgroups that relate to services your program is certified or licensed to provide, or if you are submitting an application to add that service.

* Agenda will be attached to the appointment prior to each meeting.

*** A new OTP workgroup is now available! We are starting with a 90 min kick-off meeting to get caught up and then will meet monthly on a regular schedule. The OTP Kick-off: Wednesday, June 28 from 9:05 am to 9:55 am. Invitation will be sent to the OTP listserv that John McIlveen and Manuel Nevarez use.**

* The workgroups will be recorded and posted on the *new* ASAM Implementation Workgroup website. The recordings from the first week are posted.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Pages/ASAM-Workgroups.aspx>

*** NOTE: Each of these workgroup invites will be updated with a new link to join the meetings.** This will be the same for each meeting and will match the one posted on the new ASAM Implementation Workgroup website. Please only accept the ones you want to join and delete the ones you don't. Thanks!

Here is the **workgroup schedule**:

- Adolescent: third Tuesdays from 10:05-10:55 am

- Adult Outpatient: third Tuesdays from 12:05-12:55 pm
- Adult Withdrawal Management: third Wednesday from 10:05-10:55 am
- Adult Residential: third Wednesday from 12:05-12:55 pm
- Culturally Specific: third Thursdays from 10:05-10:55 am
- Tribal meetings: third Thursdays from 12:05-12:55 pm
- **OTP meetings: third Thursdays from 3:05 – 3:55 pm beginning July 20, following the initial meeting on June 28 at 9:05 - 9:55 am**

6. **ASAM textbooks** have been ordered! If your program uses a PO Box as the primary mailing address, HSD will be contacting you for a physical location address. If you want to avoid delay, you can send the physical mailing address to this email address:

sud.waiver@dhsosha.state.or.us

- ASAM Implementation Guide
- ASAM Level of Care Certification Manual (currently only for residential levels of care – updated Jan 15, 2023), and
- ASAM Level of Care Certification Preparation Workbook

7. ASAM Trainings:

- Contracting – HSD is writing contract(s) to purchase trainings that will be available starting in January 2024.
- 4th edition – ASAM is preparing to publish *The ASAM Criteria, 4th Edition* in the late Autumn of 2023. HSD is required by statute to write rules and conduct compliance work in accordance with the current edition in print. After the 4th edition is released, HSD will begin to edit OAR for compliance with those updates.
- ASAM Trainings HSD is aiming to purchase, but cannot make any guarantee about at this time. For more information about the contents of these courses, please email sud.waiver@odhsosha.oregon.gov
 - i. ASAM Foundations Course (live and on-demand options)
 - ii. ASAM Skill Building Course
 - iii. Level of Care Certification

iv. ASAM Criteria:

1. Treatment for Addictive, Substance-Related, and Co-Occurring Conditions,
2. Utilization Management Course,
3. ASAM Criteria Implementation Leader Training.

8. **ASAM Level of Care applications** will be emailed today. We will make time in workgroups to discuss. Please email questions to both Melissa Farin and your Compliance Specialist. The applications must be submitted by October 1, 2023.

See you soon!

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In everything you do, have you asked yourself, how will this affect the Oregon Tribes?

For the latest COVID updates: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

Link to OARs: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/ruleSearch.action>

