

ASAM, founded in 1954, is a professional medical society representing over 6,600 physicians, clinicians and associated professionals in the field of addiction medicine.

ASAM is dedicated to increasing access and improving the quality of addiction treatment, educating physicians and the public, supporting research and prevention, and promoting the appropriate role of physicians in the care of patients with addiction.

More information available at

<https://www.asam.org/about-us/about-asam>



The ASAM Criteria: Treatment Criteria for Addictive, Substance-Related, and Co-Occurring Conditions



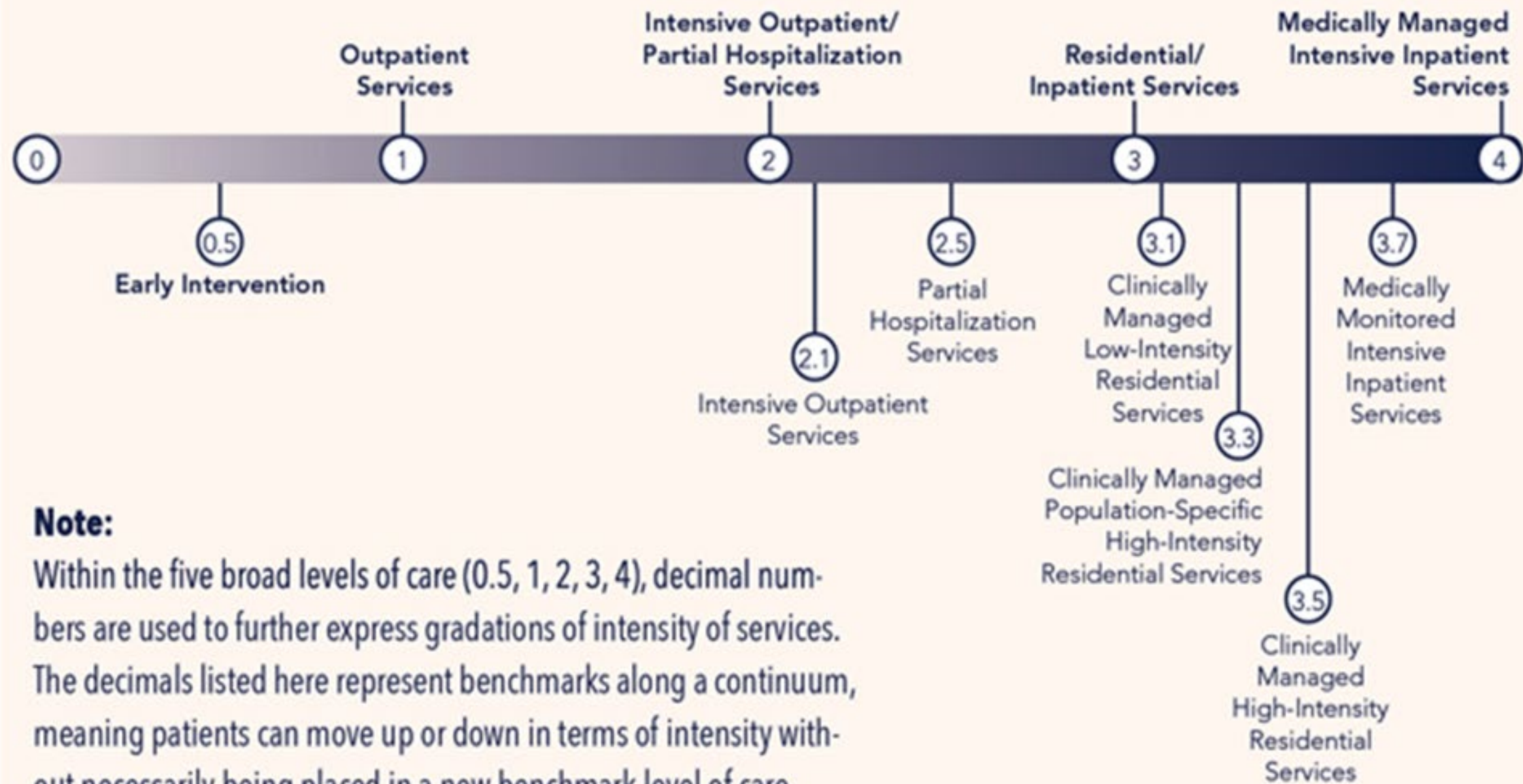
Why the ASAM Criteria?

The ASAM Criteria is the nation's most respected, comprehensive, and widely used set of guidelines for determining appropriate levels of care for each patient based on severity and multidimensional needs.

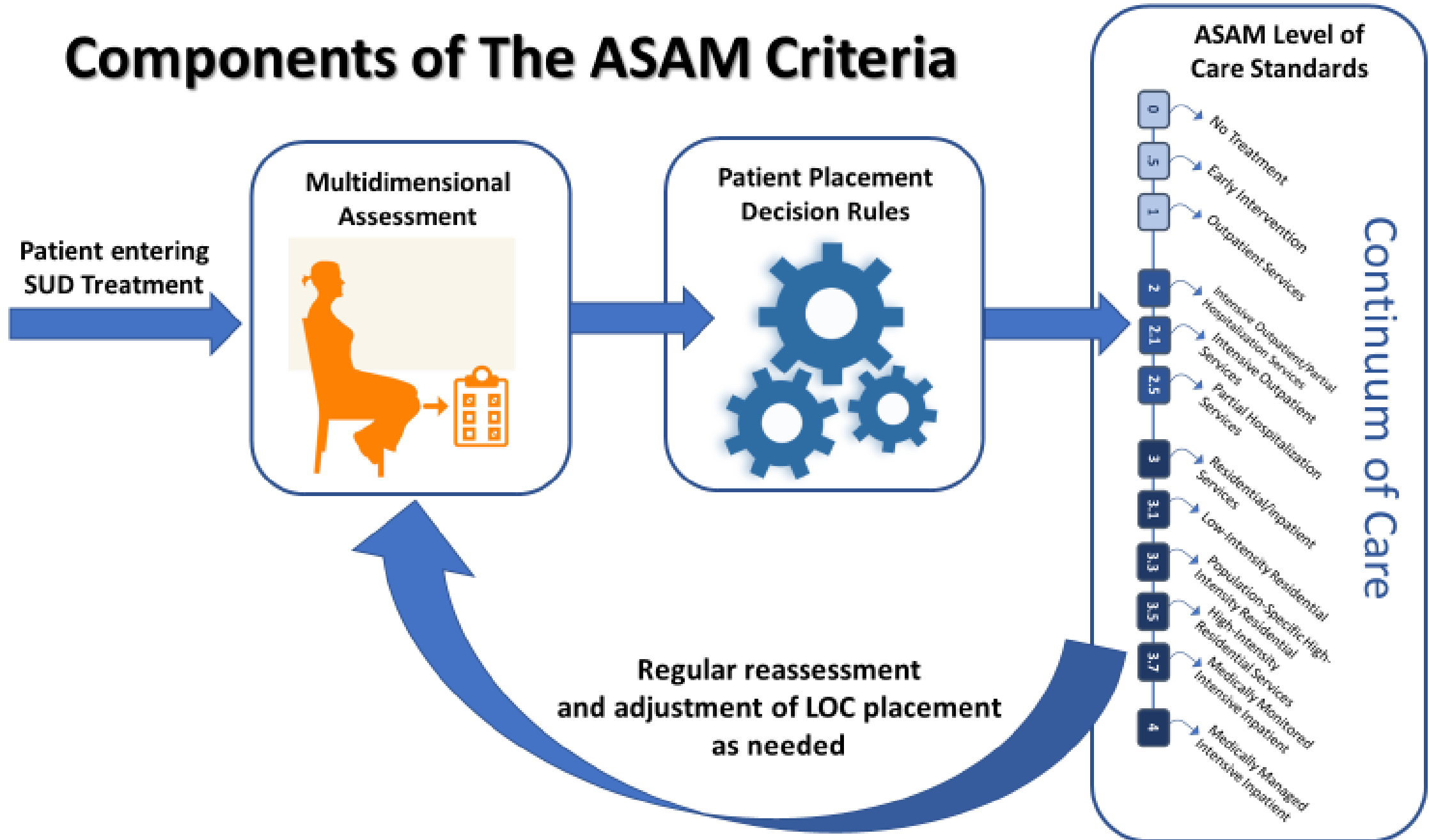
The ASAM Criteria 6 Dimensions

1. Acute Intoxication and/or Withdrawal Potential
2. Biomedical Conditions and Complications
3. Emotional, Behavioral or Cognitive Conditions and Complications
4. Readiness to Change
5. Relapse/Continued Use, Continued Problem Potential
6. Recovery Environment

REFLECTING A CONTINUUM OF CARE



Components of The ASAM Criteria



Supporting Comprehensive Implementation of The ASAM Criteria



Other Implementation Materials



ASAM CRITERIA 3RD
EDITION



*JOURNAL OF
ADDICTION
MEDICINE (JAM)*



CLINICAL
GUIDELINES AND
RESOURCES

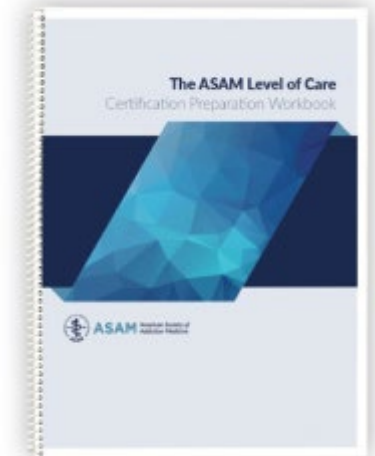
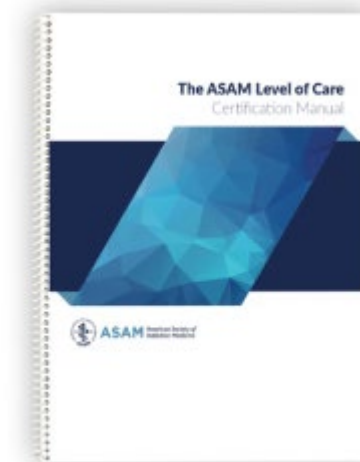


OTHER CONTENT
EDUCATIONAL
COURSE
MATERIALS, ASAM
WEEKLY, WEB
CONTENT,
TRADEMARKS

ASAM Level of Care Certification

ASAM offers:

- **Training:** 7-hours of recorded, on-demand content
- **Certification Standards Manual** to explain standards and rating elements
- **Certification Preparation Workbook** to help programs assess their readiness for surveys
- **Ask an Expert:** Q&A Webinars



<https://www.asam.org/Quality-Science/level-of-care-certification>

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LEVEL OF CARE CERTIFICATION

- Partnership with CARF International
- Assess treatment program capacity to deliver an ASAM LOC
 - Currently Adult Levels 3.1, 3.5, and 3.7
- ASAM's offers training and other educational resources to help programs prepare for certification
- CARF's accepts applications, conduct site surveys, and issues independent certification decisions

ASAM CONTINUUM[®]

- A standardized, validated, computer-guided, structured interview for assessing patients with addictive, substance-related, and co-occurring conditions.
- Allows clinicians to conduct a comprehensive biopsychosocial patient risk and needs assessment
 - Explores all six ASAM Criteria dimensions
 - Determines the ASAM Criteria level of care recommendation.



ASAM CONTINUUM Capabilities

- Conduct a comprehensive biopsychosocial patient risk and needs assessment created from The ASAM Criteria
- Accurately determine the most applicable ASAM Criteria level of care using ASAM CONTINUUM's decision logic
- Obtain ASI Severity Subscale Composite Scores:
 - Medical, Alcohol, Drug, Psychological, Employment, Family/Social and Legal
- Complete CIWA and CINA assessments for withdrawal are built directly into the assessment
- Operates within the foundation of numerous existing EHR systems

**Access or
Create**

Patient Record
in your EHR

Interview

Patient using
CONTINUUM

Submit

Completed
Interview

View

Final
Reports

Integrated EMRs

EMRs with active users	EMRs (integrated with no active users)	EMRs with signed agreements (currently integrating)	EMRs with signed intent
Aegis Treatment Center - Now Pinnacle Health	NextSteps	HIMS - Health Information Management	Civitas
Best Notes		Alleva	Keipro
Credible		Lightning Step	Welligent
CompuLink		AdvancedMD	Kipu
FEI- WITS			Netalytics
MedEz			
Netsmart (Avatar)			
NextGen (owns Topaz)			
Topaz Legacy			
Sigmund			
PCE Systems			
Streamline			
Core Solutions			

How to get started with CONTINUUM

1. Review integrated EMR list to see if your EMR is already integrated
2. Email Bill Liu at ASAM (bliu@asam.org) to discuss costs, considerations, timelines, and requirements for implementation
3. Await updates from Oregon on implementation and funding opportunities

ASAM CONTINUUM User Interface

Left side: Navigation panel

Right side: Interview panel

The screenshot displays the ASAM Continuum user interface. On the left is a dark blue navigation panel with the 'continuum' logo and 'THE ASAM CRITERIA DECISION ENGINE'. It includes a 'Question and Answer Knowledgebase' section for 'David Gastfriend' with links for 'Change Password' and 'Log Out ASAM-David'. Below are icons for 'Home', 'Assessment', and 'Patient'. A list of sections with progress indicators is shown: General Information, Medical History, Employment and Support History, Drug and Alcohol, Legal Information, Family and Social History, Psychological, Interview Completion, and Review. At the bottom of the navigation panel is a table showing the completion status of sections.

Section	% Complete
Review	0%

At the bottom of the navigation panel is a link for 'Terms and Conditions'.

The right side is the interview panel for 'Alex Smith', with birth date 03/01/2016, gender Female, religion Catholic, and ethnicity Caucasian. It shows the user 'ykidane@asam.org' created the record. The main area contains several questions with dropdown menus for answers. The question 'Reason for final disposition (i.e., where the patient is actually being sent to treatment), if different from recommended' is highlighted in light blue, and its dropdown menu is open, showing a list of reasons with 'Clinician disagrees with ASAM Criteria recommendation' selected. At the bottom of the interview panel are buttons for '< Prev', 'Save', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'.

Navigation Panel:

- continuum THE ASAM CRITERIA DECISION ENGINE
- Question and Answer Knowledgebase
- David Gastfriend
- Change Password Log Out ASAM-David
- Home Assessment Patient
- General Information
- Medical History
- Employment and Support History
- Drug and Alcohol
- Legal Information
- Family and Social History
- Psychological
- Interview Completion
- Review

Section	% Complete
Review	0%

Interview Panel:

Alex Smith
Birth Date: 03/01/2016 Gender: Female Religion: Catholic Ethnicity: Caucasian
Edit

Created By: ykidane@asam.org

through with referral in 30 days?

Following this patient interview, what is the motivation for recovery at this time?

For this patient, what is the likelihood of maintaining total abstinence in 90 days?

For this patient, what is the likelihood of involvement in treatment in 90 days?

Category of final disposition (i.e., where the patient is actually being sent to treatment)

Sub-category of final disposition (i.e., where the patient is actually being sent to treatment)

Reason for final disposition (i.e., where the patient is actually being sent to treatment), if different from recommended

Was patient referred to a biomedically enhanced program?

Reasons for final disposition (dropdown menu):

- Not applicable (patient agrees) or No Answer
- Final disposition is, or is expected to be, same as recommended by ASAM Criteria
- Different treatment selected due to patient choice
- Recommended program is unavailable in geographic region
- Lack of physical access (e.g. transportation, mobility)
- Conflict with job/family responsibilities
- Patient lacks insurance
- Patient has insurance but insurance will not approve recommended treatment
- Program available but lacks opening or wait list too long
- Program available but rejects patient due to patient characteristic(s), e.g. attitude, behavior, clinical status
- Court or other mandated treatment is different or blocks ASAM Criteria recommendation
- Patient rejects any treatment at this time
- Patient eloped
- Clinician disagrees with ASAM Criteria recommendation**
- Not known
- Clinician disagrees with ASAM Criteria recommendation

Buttons: < Prev Save Next > Cancel

CONTINUUM Summary Report

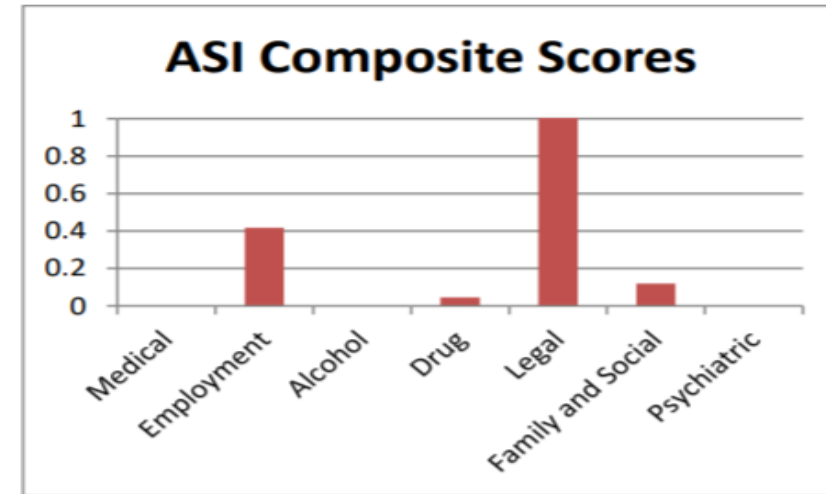
ASAM CONTINUUM™
THE ASAM CRITERIA DECISION ENGINE

Samantha Smith
Provider Patient ID:

Interviewer: continuumdemo1@asam.org
Assessment Start: 1/29/2021 10:09 AM CST
Assessment End: 1/29/2021 10:11 AM CST

ASI Composite Scores

Category	Value
Medical	0.000
Employment	0.417
Alcohol	0.000
Drug	0.046
Legal	1.507
Family and Social	0.120
Psychiatric	0.000



CRITICAL ITEMS

The following critical medical/addiction item(s) were noted while completing this assessment:

1. The patient has had a loss of consciousness in the past 24 hours. Suspected loss of consciousness requires rapid evaluation by physician or emergency room.

CONTINUUM Narrative Psychosocial Report

ASAM CONTINUUM™
NARRATIVE REPORT

Samantha Smith

Provider Patient ID:

Interviewer: continuumdemo1@asam.org

Assessment Start: 1/29/2021 10:09 AM CST

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FAMILY/SOCIAL SECTION

Marital and Living Situation for Majority of the Past Three Years

Samantha appears to feel fairly indifferent towards her marital situation.

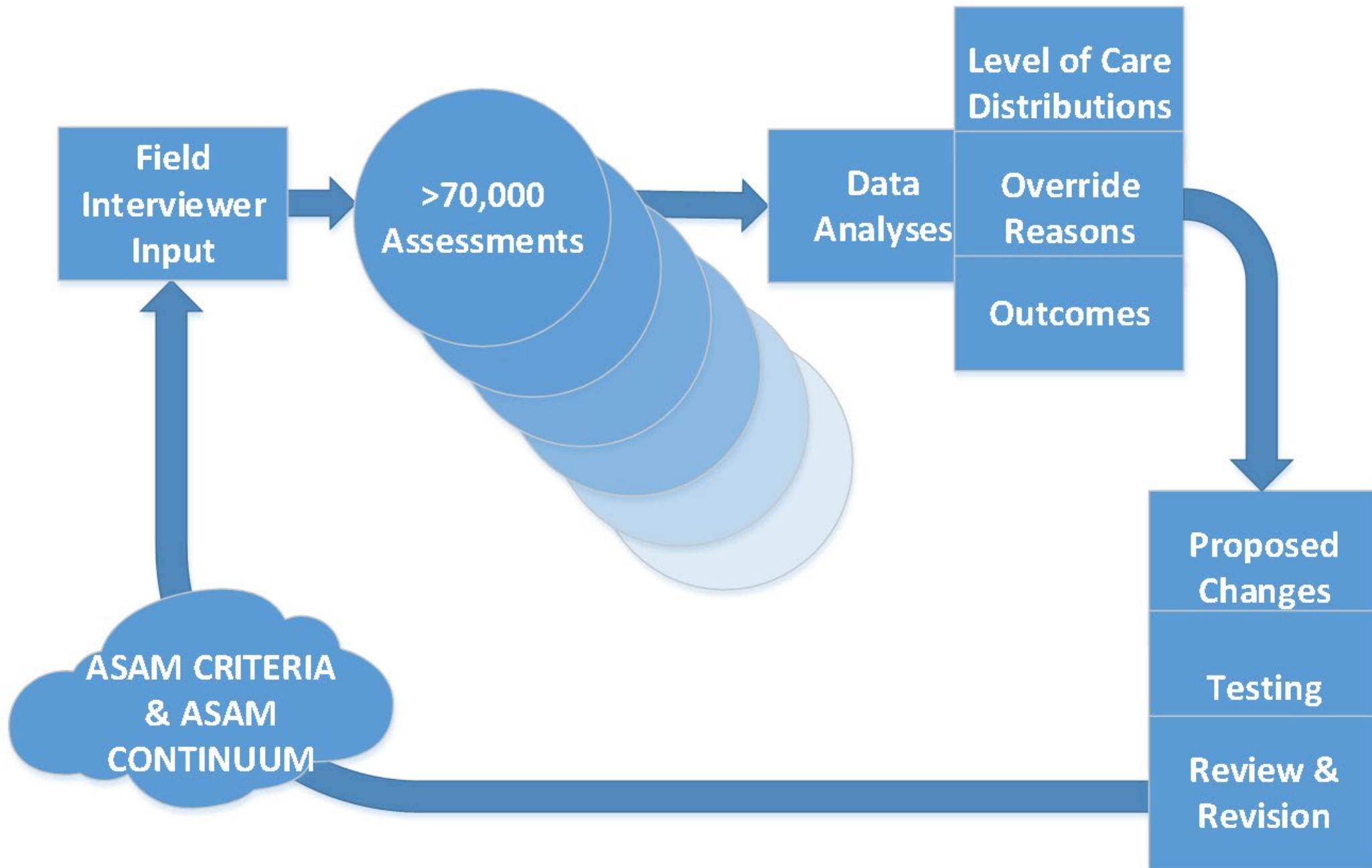
Recovery Environment and Social Contacts

Samantha reports that in the past 4 months she has had close relationships with her father. When she re-enters the community, Samantha states that her living arrangements will promote treatment and recovery. After re-entering the community, Samantha plans to spend most of her free time with friends. After re-entering the community, Samantha thinks she will have 3 close friends on whom she can rely.

Relationship Problems Past Thirty Days

She has not had any significant problems with family members or friends in the past 30 days. In the past 30 days, she has not had or reported significant problems getting along with either her partner or children (or this relationship is not applicable). In the past 30 days, she has not had or reported any serious problems with either her mother or father (or this relationship is not applicable). She has not had or reported significant problems getting along with either siblings or close friends (or this relationship is not applicable). She has not had or reported serious problems getting along with either neighbors or co-workers recently (or this relationship is not applicable). Samantha has not experienced any recent emotional, physical, or sexual abuse.

Client Perception of Severity of Family and Social Problems and Desire for Treatment



The ASAM Criteria® Assessment Interview Guide

The ASAM Criteria® Assessment Interview Guide is the first publicly available standardized version of the ASAM Criteria assessment. With this release, ASAM and UCLA hope to increase the quality and consistency of patient assessments and treatment recommendations. This resource can also help assist states looking to facilitate continuity and consistency in substance use disorder (SUD) treatment delivery and coverage.

Because it is paper-based, offered free to all clinicians, and can be used in many different clinical contexts, the Guide enhances the public utility of The ASAM Criteria's multidimensional assessment approach for the addiction treatment community.

ASAM Criteria Educational Offerings

Core Offerings

- **ASAM Criteria Foundations Course:** New to the ASAM Criteria? Your journey begins with this comprehensive and competency-based 8-hour course (offered live virtually and on-demand).
- **ASAM Criteria Skill-Building Course:** Looking to practice skills and further your knowledge after taking the Foundations course? Next step on your journey is this 8-hour course.
- **ASAM Criteria Payer Course:** This 8-hour on-demand course helps managed care payers develop a holistic understanding of The ASAM Criteria as it applies to their unique role.

ASAM CRITERIA®

One-Day Foundations Course

This Course is designed to help counselors, social workers, administrators and other clinical staff develop patient-centered service plans and make objective decisions about patient admission, continuing care, and transfer/discharge for individuals with addictive, substance-related, and co-occurring conditions.

ASAM CRITERIA®

Skill Building Course

This course offers practical guidelines to drive objective decision making. Participants will explore important considerations in developing individualized treatment plans, evaluating progress versus nonprogress in treatment, and determining when it is appropriate to initiate transfer or discharge of a patient from treatment.

ASAM CRITERIA®

Utilization Management Course

This course designed to help managed care payers develop a holistic understanding of *The ASAM Criteria* and their role in constructing a full range of services for patients with substance use disorders (SUD). Through interactive and case-based activities, the course covers the process of conducting objective clinical case reviews, evaluating treatment plans, and determining the appropriate level of care in accordance with *The ASAM Criteria*.

ASAM CONTINUUM[®]

- This Course is only required for providers using the CONTINUUM tool. It provides education on the decision rule logic in CONTINUUM through highly interactive and application-focused learning experiences tailored to scenarios the state's providers will encounter. This will include the steps involved in conducting a comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment and generating a patient report, which includes a final level of care recommendation.
- This Course works well in tandem with the ASAM Criteria One Day Foundations Course. Providers can be trained on both the foundations of using *The ASAM Criteria* as well as applying the principles in practice with the CONTINUUM tool.

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