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Subject: American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Training Resources

There are four American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) training resources that can now be utilized to meet the proposed training requirements in the ASAM criteria. These requirements were announced in previous bulletins related to changes taking place in preparation for the implementation of the CMS 1115(a) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Demonstration Waiver.

The following four training resources will meet the training requirements included in Clinical Coverage Policies 8C Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Provided by Direct Enrolled Providers (which outlines the requirements for the Comprehensive Clinical Assessment) and 8A-5 Diagnostic Assessment.

1. UNC Behavioral Health Springboard: UNC will continue to coordinate with Train for Change to provide 2-Day ASAM Criteria Skill-Building Training live virtual sessions and to continue to offer *The ASAM Criteria* eLearning through The Change Companies for FY21/22. Copies of *The ASAM Criteria* manual are also available for the cost of shipping. Please refer to the UNC Behavioral Health Springboard website for forthcoming training dates and registration information.
<https://bhs.unc.edu/asam/dashboard>
2. Train for Change offers virtual 2-Day ASAM Criteria Skill Building Training sessions.
<https://www.trainforchange.net/open-events>

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3. The Change Company offers registration for eLearning (ASAM Modules 1,2 and 3 must be completed to fulfill the training requirement). Individual and group rates are available.

- Module 1 – “ASAM Multidimensional Assessment”
- Module 2 – “From Assessment to Service Planning and Level of Care”
- Module 3 – “Introduction to The ASAM Criteria”

<https://www.changecompanies.net/etraining/>

4. ASAM Criteria Online foundations Course (eLearning Modules).

<https://elearning.asam.org/the-asam-criteria-educational-offerings>

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