



## ASAM Dimensions Frequently Asked Questions

### **Dimension 1 - Acute Intoxication and/or Withdraw Potential**

- Must include here now issues and risks.
- Excluded time is not acknowledge in ASAM.
- Please include; Drug of choice, frequency of usage, amount used each episode, duration of current usage patter, method of ingestion, and history of withdrawal
- Example: "Client uses 0.5 mg of meth per day via IV for the last six months."

### **Dimension 2 - Biomedical Conditions and Complications**

- Please send current medication list (Medications with potential of abuse will be reviewed).
- We prefer all medications to be filled prior to admission.
- Additional medical records may be requested based upon severity of condition.

### **Dimension 3 - Emotional, Behavioral, and/or Cognitive Conditions or Complications**

- We may request a recent Diagnostic Assessment for clarification of Mental Health diagnosis and relevant treatment medications.

### **Dimension 4 - Readiness for Change**

- Pertains to the willingness of the patient to engage in treatment.
- External or internal motivation (Is Child Protection Services, Parole Officer, Family, or Non-Clinical individuals are not able to mandate inpatient care a 3.5 level.

### **Dimension 5 - Relapse, Continued Use, or Continued Program Potential**

- Does the patient have a history or expressed interest in Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT)?

### **Dimension 6 - Recovery/Living Environment**

- Examination of the patient's support system.
- Does the patient have a safe environment in which to live and complete a lower level of care?

### **Questions?**

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