



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Health Standards Section

To: Behavioral Health Service Providers

**From: Cecile Castello, RN (Interim, Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Health Standards Section)**

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Re: Regulatory Updates to Align with ASAM 4th Edition

MEMORANDUM

This memorandum serves to advise behavioral health service providers (BHSPs) regarding recent changes to the LAC 48:1.Chapters 56 and 57, Behavioral Health Service Providers Licensing Standards. Chapters 56 and 57 previously reflected the adoption of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 3rd Edition criteria for minimum staffing, service provisions, and other practice standards. On September 20, 2025, the Office of the State Register (OSR) published a Notice of Intent in the *Louisiana Register*, advertising rulemaking activity of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Health Standards Section (HSS). In the Notice of Intent HSS proposed, in part, to update its rules to align with the updated criteria as published in the ASAM 4th Edition. Rulemaking was completed with the final rule publication in the *Louisiana Register* on January 20, 2026.

All BHSPs shall be required to be in compliance with the updated regulations no later than **July 1, 2026**. The current rules have been posted to the HSS BHSP webpage, <https://ldh.la.gov/health-standards-section/behavioral-health-service-provider>. An updated licensure application is also located on the web page. Any changes required to a BHSPs' license as a result of the updated regulatory criteria, shall be made at the time of annual license renewal or other licensing transaction.

Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact a HSS, Behavioral Health Service Provider Program Manager at rickie.callegan.gov or cheyenne.love@la.gov.

ASAM 3 rd Edition	ASAM 4 th Edition (Updated) Licensure Regulation changes Effective 01/20/2026.
Level 1 – Addiction Outpatient Treatment	Level 1.5 – Addiction Outpatient Treatment
Level 2.1 – Intensive Outpatient Treatment	(no changes)
Level 2.5 – Partial Hospitalization Services	Level 2.5 – High Intensity Outpatient Treatment
Level 2-WM – Ambulatory Withdrawal Management with Extended on-site Monitoring	Level 2.7 – Medically Managed Intensive Outpatient Treatment
Level 3.1 – Clinically Managed Low Intensity Residential Treatment	(no changes)
Level 3.2-WM – Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management (Social)	(repealed)
Level 3.3 – Clinically Managed Population Specific High-Intensity Residential Treatment Services	(repealed)
	Level 3.5 – Clinically Managed Medium-Intensity Residential Treatment (adolescents)
Level 3.5 – Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Treatment	Level 3.5 – Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Treatment (adults)
Level 3.7 – Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient Treatment Services (Co-occurring)	Level 3.7 – Medically Managed Residential Treatment
Level 3.7-WM – Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management (Medically Supported)	Level 3.7-WM – Medically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management