



Ambulatory Provisional/Certification Requirements

Provisional to Final Certification

As part of the 1115 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Demonstration Waiver, providers seeking enrollment in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) as an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) ambulatory provider must apply for provisional certification of the Demonstration requirements through the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and/or The Department of Children and Families (DCF) as applicable.

- Provisional certification will be granted for a period not to exceed 24 months from initial approval. During the provisional certification period, providers must make continuous progress toward full certification as demonstrated by incorporating the activities listed in the table below within the indicated timeframes. The provider must satisfactorily demonstrate compliance with all ASAM Criteria including, but not limited to, any associated regulations, bulletins, and manuals issued by the Department of Social Services (DSS) prior to or by the end of the 24-month period to achieve full certification.
- To assist providers in achieving the implementation milestones in the table below and compliance with the full requirements of this certification process, DMHAS/DCF and/or their contracted entity will perform monitoring and onsite reviews to assess provider progress toward achieving full certification. Desk audit and onsite reviews will be scheduled throughout the 24-month provisional certification period, with the goal of full certification being awarded no later than 24 months from initial approval of the provisional certification. Progress reports will be generated following each visit and distributed to the providers. These reports will consist of an assessment of where each program is in adopting the ASAM standards. Programs must meet the following scoring thresholds to obtain full certification:
 - *100% compliance with the Demonstration's Core Activities*
 - *100% compliance with the Demonstration's Administrative Activities*
 - *An average overall score of 2 in the Demonstration's Support Activities*

Programs must provide documentation consistently in policies and procedures, on-site interview/tours, and medical record reviews of the Demonstration's core activities regarding the adoption of the current ASAM Criteria and Connecticut Substance Use Disorder Services Policy and Clinical Assumptions Grid within the first 12 months following provisional certification. If within 12 months of provisional certification, the Demonstration's core activities remain unmet, the State's certification and monitoring contracted entity, under the direction of DMHAS or DCF, will implement a corrective action plan. If within 18 months of provisional certification, the Demonstration's core activities remain unmet, the State's certification and monitoring contracted entity, under the direction of DMHAS or DCF, will implement additional corrective action plans accompanied by a notice of pending provider decertification and forward these to the agency's leadership. The Demonstration's core activities are:



Connecticut 1115 SUD Demonstration Core Activities

<p>Evidence of individualized/variable length of stay based on ASAM assessment and ASAM continued stay criteria</p>	<p>ASAM diagnostic and dimensional criteria are utilized for the appropriate level of care during screening, admission, continued stay and discharge processes. The ASAM Transfer/Discharge criteria are applied to discharge planning processes. Transfer or Discharge Plans are utilized and include obtaining necessary release(s) of information to refer to appropriate aftercare services, including clinical recovery supports. Plans are written in conjunction with the individual and their primary counselor and service coordinator</p>
<p>Evidence that facility offers pharmacotherapies (including medication for addiction treatment - MAT) as a treatment option through direct provision or in collaboration with other enrolled Medicaid providers as permitted.</p>	<p>Formal reviews necessary for payers are dictated by clinical/medical necessity as determined by a clinical assessment utilizing all six dimensions of the ASAM criteria. Payer utilization management processes are utilized.</p>
<p>Individualized progress notes in the individual's record that clearly reflect implementation of the treatment plan and the individual's response to therapeutic intervention for all disorders treated, as well as subsequent amendments to the plan.</p>	<p>Individualized treatment plans are completed, reviewed and signed in accordance with the ASAM Criteria, Connecticut Substance Use Disorder Services Policy and Clinical Assumptions Grid, Provider Manual and state regulations.</p>
<p>An individualized, comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment (ASAM 2.1, ASAM 2.5) or sufficient biopsychosocial screening assessment (ASAM 1-WM and ASAM 2-WM) is conducted in alignment with the ASAM Criteria and Connecticut Substance Use Disorder Services Policy and Clinical Assumptions Grid</p>	<p>Facility does not preclude admission of individuals based on MAT profile and active medication prescriptions. If agency cannot support a medication need internally they have policies in place to ensure communication with prescribing physician is ongoing or appropriate referrals are made.</p>
<p>Evidence of a daily schedule of activities designed to meet individualized treatment needs in alignment with the minimum required treatment hours outlined in the Connecticut Substance Use Disorder Services Policy and Clinical Assumptions Grid</p>	



Connecticut 1115 SUD Demonstration Administrative Activities

Programs must provide documentation consistently in policies and procedures, on-site interview/tours, and medical record reviews of the Demonstration's Administrative Activities regarding the adoption of the current ASAM Criteria and Connecticut Substance Use Disorder Services Policy and Clinical Assumptions Grid. The Demonstration's Administrative Activities are:

Connecticut 1115 SUD Demonstration Administrative Activities	
Due Date: At time of Provisional Certification Application	Due Date: No later than 11/15/2024
Acknowledgement signed by the CEO agreeing to the timeframes in this document and agreeing that if full certification is not achieved within 24 months CMAP enrollment for the non-certified level of care will terminate.	Policies related to provisional certification are in place as evidenced through documentation.
DPH licensure appropriate for the ASAM Level(s) of Care (LOCs) for which the Full Certification is requested.	Evidence of completion of required staff trainings on ASAM Criteria*
Emergency services available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	Weekly clinical SUD service hours align with the ASAM Criteria, Connecticut Substance Use Disorder Services Policy and Clinical Assumptions Grid, and DSS provider regulation, bulletin, and manual.
Direct care staff to client ratios are in place	Facility's staffing pattern is gender responsive and trauma informed
Program has policy and procedures for drug screen supervision, testing and review and evidence of compliance	At admission and where clinically indicated the individual is screened for medical needs as well as their status with being established with primary care. Individuals are referred to the appropriate agency-based and/or community-based resources as part of their treatment plan within a reasonable timeframe matching the urgency of their medical needs. Such determinations are made according to established protocols, which include reliance on the individual's personal physician (or NP/PA) whenever possible.
Has policy and procedures for medication monitoring and evidence of monitoring individual's adherence in taking any medications (ASAM 1-WM and ASAM 2-WM).	

*Required staff must complete ASAM training by 10/15/2023 or within 1 year of provisional certification date for new programs



Connecticut 1115 SUD Demonstration Support Activities

Programs must provide documentation consistently in policies and procedures, on-site interview/tours, and medical record reviews of the Demonstration's Support Activities regarding the adoption of the current ASAM Criteria and Connecticut Substance Use Disorder Services Policy and Clinical Assumptions Grid. During the monitoring process all activities in this area will be assessed on a 4 point scale (0=NOT MET, 1=PARTIALLY MET, 2=MET, 3=EXEMPLARY). The following Support Activities must have an average overall score of 2 for full certification to be granted:

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Due no later than 11/15/2024	Due no later than 11/15/2024
Necessary support systems align with the ASAM Criteria and Connecticut Substance Use Disorder Services Policy and Clinical Assumptions Grid	Evidence of Motivational enhancement and engagement strategies appropriate to the individual's stage of readiness and desire to change.
Documentation of training plans for each staff, reflective of responsibilities and clinical activities is present in personnel record	Evidence of planned community reinforcement is present in clinical records
Documentation of supervision sessions for each staff at rates and modalities consistent with the ASAM standards and Connecticut Substance Use Disorder Services Policy and Clinical Assumptions Grid are present in personnel records.	Programs have direct affiliations with other levels of care, or close coordination through referral to more or less intensive levels of care
Evidence of staff trainings on Motivational Interviewing and Transtheoretical Stages of Change in personnel records	Evidence that there is the coordination of care between therapeutic and pharmaceutical interventions
Treatment services align with the ASAM Criteria, Connecticut Substance Use Disorder Services Policy and Clinical Assumptions Grid, and DSS provider regulations, bulletins, and manual	Uses a range of evidence based practices (EBPs)/therapies by staff who are trained in accordance with identified model(s) as reflected on the training plans/educational records including motivational interviewing, enhancement and engagement strategies.
With individual's consent, offers services with and for the individual's family and significant others other than educational sessions	



Full certification will not be granted if, at the end of the 24-month period, the provider does not meet all of the Demonstration requirements as identified in the Connecticut Substance Use Disorder Services Policy and Clinical Assumptions Grid. Failure to obtain full certification within the 24-month period and maintain full certification will result in disenrollment as a CMAP provider for the level(s) of care (LOC) not certified.



Appendix A

Provider Policies Required Prior to Provisional Certification

1. Policy outlining access to 24/7 Emergency services
2. Staffing plan to address any deficiencies
3. Policy for medication monitoring for each level of care and related programs
4. Policy for drug screen supervision, testing, and reviewing results
5. Policy for referral for physical examination as applicable for each level of care and related program(s)