



## **Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notification Use of ASAM Medical Necessity Criteria November 1, 2018**

In alignment with the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) transition from Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria (PCPC) to American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria, Community Behavioral Health (CBH) and Behavioral Health Special Initiative (BHSI) will be using ASAM for level of care determinations beginning on **January 1, 2019**. CBH and BHSI expect providers to continue to pursue the ASAM training for their staff to prepare for the transition. For providers that have been trained, and have access to the ASAM criteria, CBH and BHSI will begin accepting service requests by ASAM level of care on January 1, 2019.

The DDAP-provided [ASAM Crosswalk](#) will be used to both covert PCPC level of care requests to ASAM and assign ASAM classification to providers currently classified by PCPC criteria. Final designation will be determined after guidance is issued by the single state authority, DDAP.

**All providers should continue to bill under the current codes in accordance with the CBH and BHSI Schedule A.**

Additional communication regarding this transition will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact your assigned CBH Provider Relations Representative.