

Overview of ASAM Continued Service and Transfer Criteria

Session 5

Continued Service and Transfer Criteria Considerations

- Length of treatment should not be determined by a fixed length of stay, rather it should be based on client individual needs
- Having a set curriculum that is driven by a schedule is okay, but completing the curriculum is not an indication in itself that the client is ready to be transferred to a lower level of care.
- Having a continuum of care that includes several levels of service is critical to client centered care. The client should start in the least restrictive level of care based on client centered needs and move through the continuum one level of care at a time with Level 1 being the last level prior to discharge.

ASAM Continued Service Criteria

- Client is making progress, but has not yet achieved the goals articulated in the individualized plan. Continued treatment at the present level of care is assessed as necessary to permit the patient to continue to work toward their treatment goals, or
- Client is not yet making progress, but has the capacity to resolve their problems. The client is actively working toward the goals articulated in the individualized treatment plan. Continued treatment at the present level of care is assessed as necessary to permit the client to continue to work toward his or her goals; and/or

ASAM Continued Service Criteria Cont.

- New problems have been identified that are appropriately treated at the present level of care. The new problem or priority requires services, the frequency and intensity of which can only safely be delivered by continued stay in the current level of care. The level of care in which the client is receiving treatment is therefore the least intensive level at which the patient's new problems can be addressed effectively.

ASAM Transfer Criteria

- The client has achieved the goals articulated in their individualized treatment plan, thus resolving the problem(s) that justified admission to the present level of care. Continuing the chronic disease management of the client's condition at a less intensive level of care is indicated; or
- The client has been unable to resolve the problem(s) that justified admission to the present level of care, despite amendments to the treatment plan. The client is determined to have achieved the maximum possible benefit from engagement in services at the current level of care. Treatment at another level of care (more or less intensive) in the same type of service, or discharge from treatment, is therefore indicated; or

ASAM Transfer Criteria Cont.

- The client has demonstrated a lack of capacity due to diagnostic or co-occurring conditions that limit their ability to resolve their problem(s). Treatment at a qualitatively different level of care or type of service, or discharge from treatment, is therefor indicated; or
- The patient has experienced an intensification of there problem(s), or has developed a new problem(s), and can be treated effectively only at a more intensive level of care.

Case Study Presentations & Feedback

Alternate the 3 case studies

Session 6 Learning Activity

Utilizing the ASAM Discharge Criteria template, develop the following for your client:

- Develop a Discharge Summary

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