

# Ask the Experts: ASAM Level of Care Certification

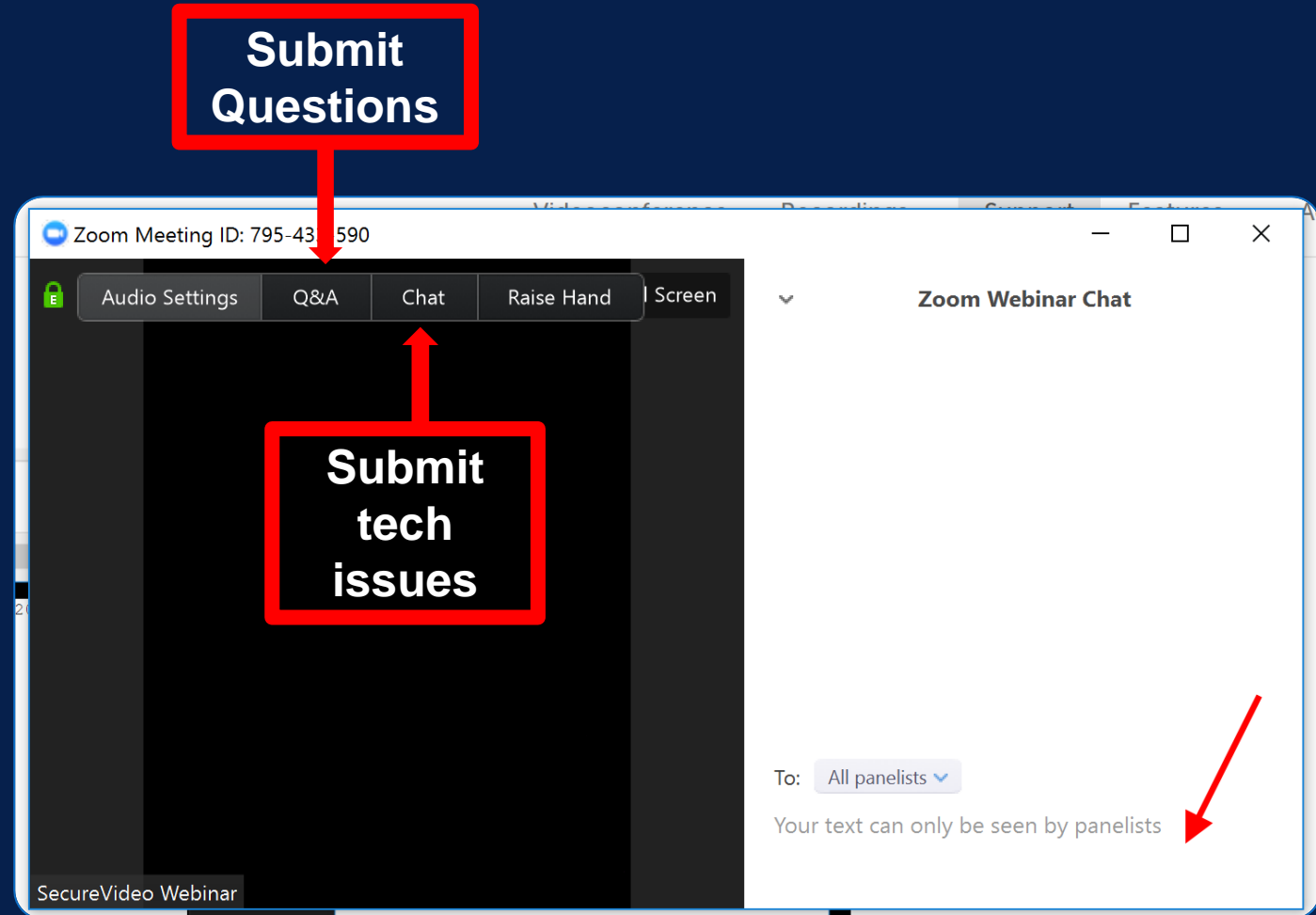
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Attendee Audio:** Your mics are automatically set to mute.
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# Faculty



Dr. Jason Kirby, DO, MBA, FASAM is a board-certified Addiction Medicine specialist and is currently Medical Director of Addiction and Recovery Services at St. Peter's Health Partners and Chief of Behavioral Health at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, NY. He is certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. He practices full time Addiction Medicine for St. Peter's in a variety of levels of care including inpatient, residential care, and outpatient settings.

Recently, he was asked to write items for the American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine (AOAAM)'s new addiction medicine board certification exam in July 2020.

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# Faculty



Alma Ramic, MD received her training in Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatry/Medicine from University of Illinois, Chicago. She is currently serving as the Medical Director of Addiction Services and Opiate Treatment Program at the Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital, the Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Loyola University Medical School and the Director of their Addiction Medicine Fellowship. Dr. Ramic also oversees the Addiction Treatment and Residential programs, working closely with the Veteran Justice Outreach (VJO).

Dr. Ramic has worked at Cook County Department of Corrections where she provides mental health treatment with multi-disciplinary teams.

**Alma Ramic, MD**

## ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is a comprehensive quality review of a program and its service delivery and related business practices.

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## CERTIFICATION

Certification demonstrates a program's capacity to deliver a specific level of care, thereby differentiating between the many levels of care

# WHY CERTIFICATION?

- Verify implementation of *The ASAM Criteria*
- Support adoption of standards of care to improve the quality of addiction treatment
- Accurately differentiate between levels of care
- Highlight treatment programs that have evidence-based policies and procedures

# What Does Certification Address?

The *ASAM Criteria* includes standards for multiple components of care, including:

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## 1. Six Dimensions of Multidimensional Assessment

- Withdrawal potential
- Medical needs
- Emotional and behavioral conditions
- Readiness to Change
- Potential for relapse
- Individual's recovery environment

2. Decision rules for interpreting the multidimensional assessment to match patients to the right level of care to meet their treatment needs

3. A framework for the continuum of addiction treatment services



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## 4. Six Characteristic Service Standards

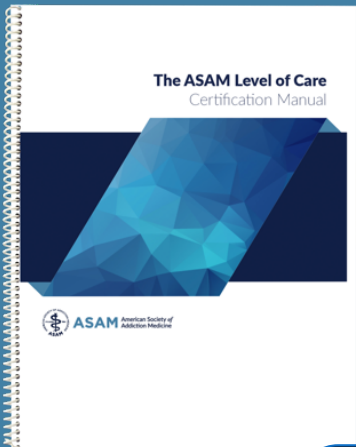
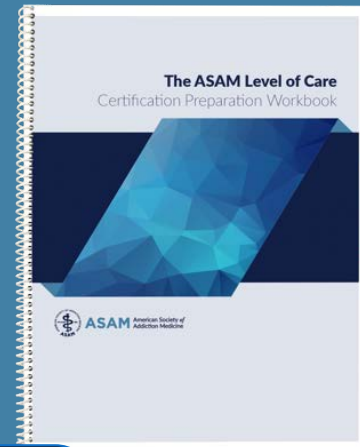
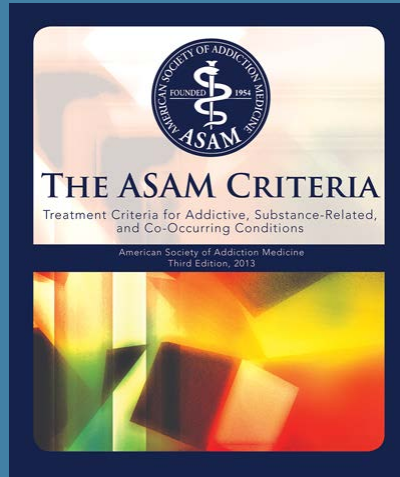
- Setting
- Staff
- Support systems
- Assessment and Treatment Planning
- Therapeutic Services (therapies)
- Documentation





# Resources

## Support for Certification



**ASAM Level of Care  
Certification Training  
Modules**

- *The ASAM Criteria* Textbook
- The ASAM Level of Care Certification Manual
- The ASAM Level of Care Certification Preparation Workbook
- ASAM Level of Care Certification Trainings and Webinars

# The Path to Certification



## Questions for ASAM

Standards and Rating Elements  
ASAM Criteria

Assistive Books, Trainings, Consulting

[certification@asam.org](mailto:certification@asam.org)  
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## Questions for CARF

Applications  
Site Surveys  
Certification Decisions

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[www.carf.org/LOCcertification](http://www.carf.org/LOCcertification)

## **Audience Poll:**

**What levels of care are you seeking for this webinar?**



**ASAM** American Society of  
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