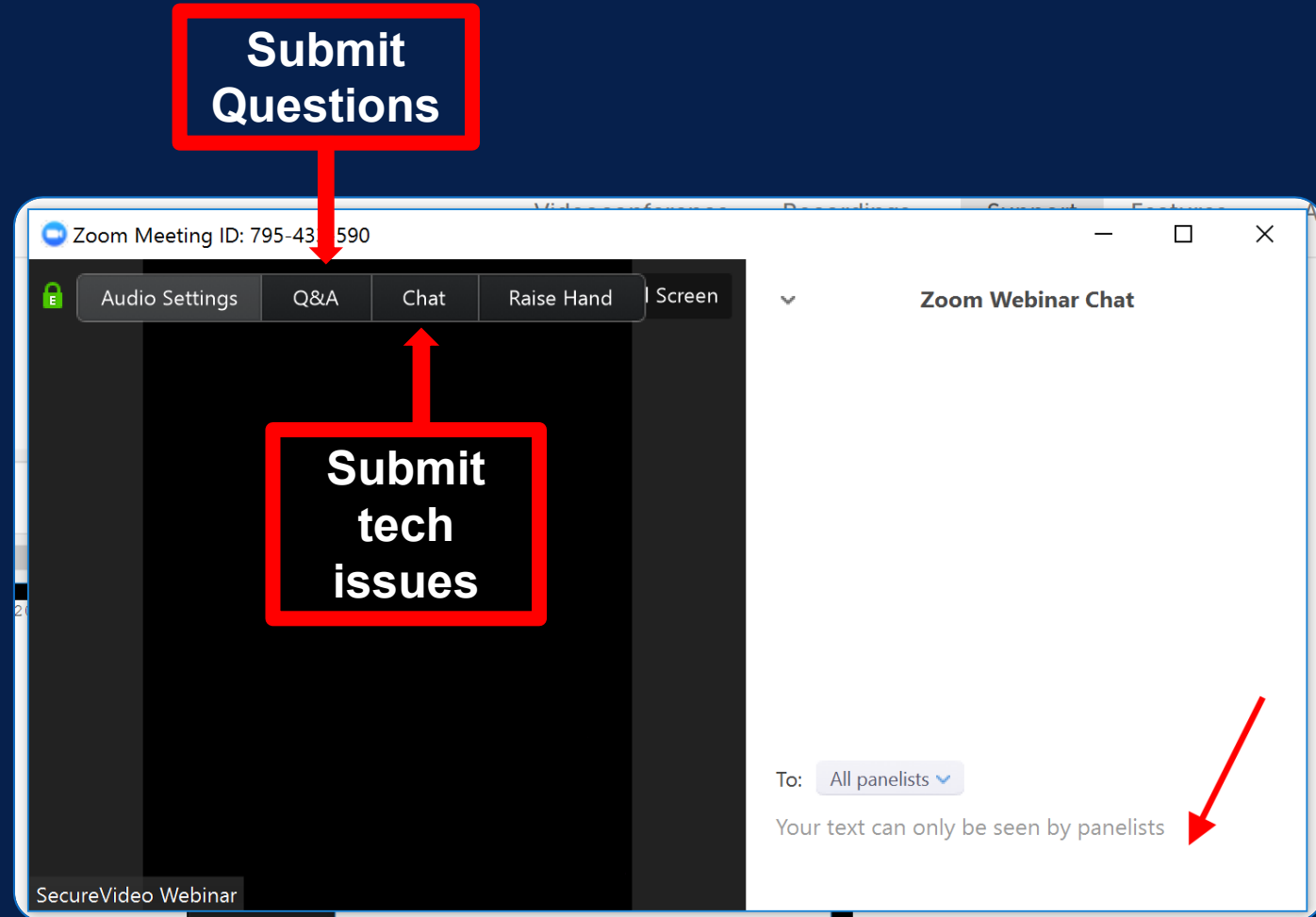




ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Attendee Audio:** Your mics are automatically set to mute.
2. **Questions?** Type questions into the Q&A box.
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ASAM Level of Care Certification

An ASAM and CARF Partnership



About *The ASAM Criteria*

- The result of a collaboration that began in the 1980's, initially known as the *ASAM Patient Placement Criteria*.
- Most comprehensive and widely-used set of guidelines for placement, continued stay, and transfer of patients with addiction and co-occurring conditions.



Patient presenting
for substance use
disorder treatment



Multidimensional
Assessment



Patient Placement
Decision Rules



Level of Care
Standards

0

No
Treatment

0.5

1

2

2.1

2.5

3

3.1

3.3

3.5

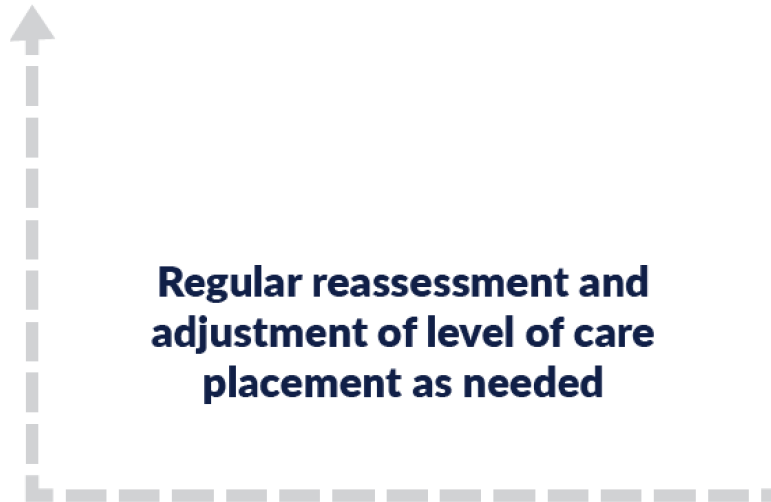
3.7

4

Intensive
Inpatient

Continuum of Care

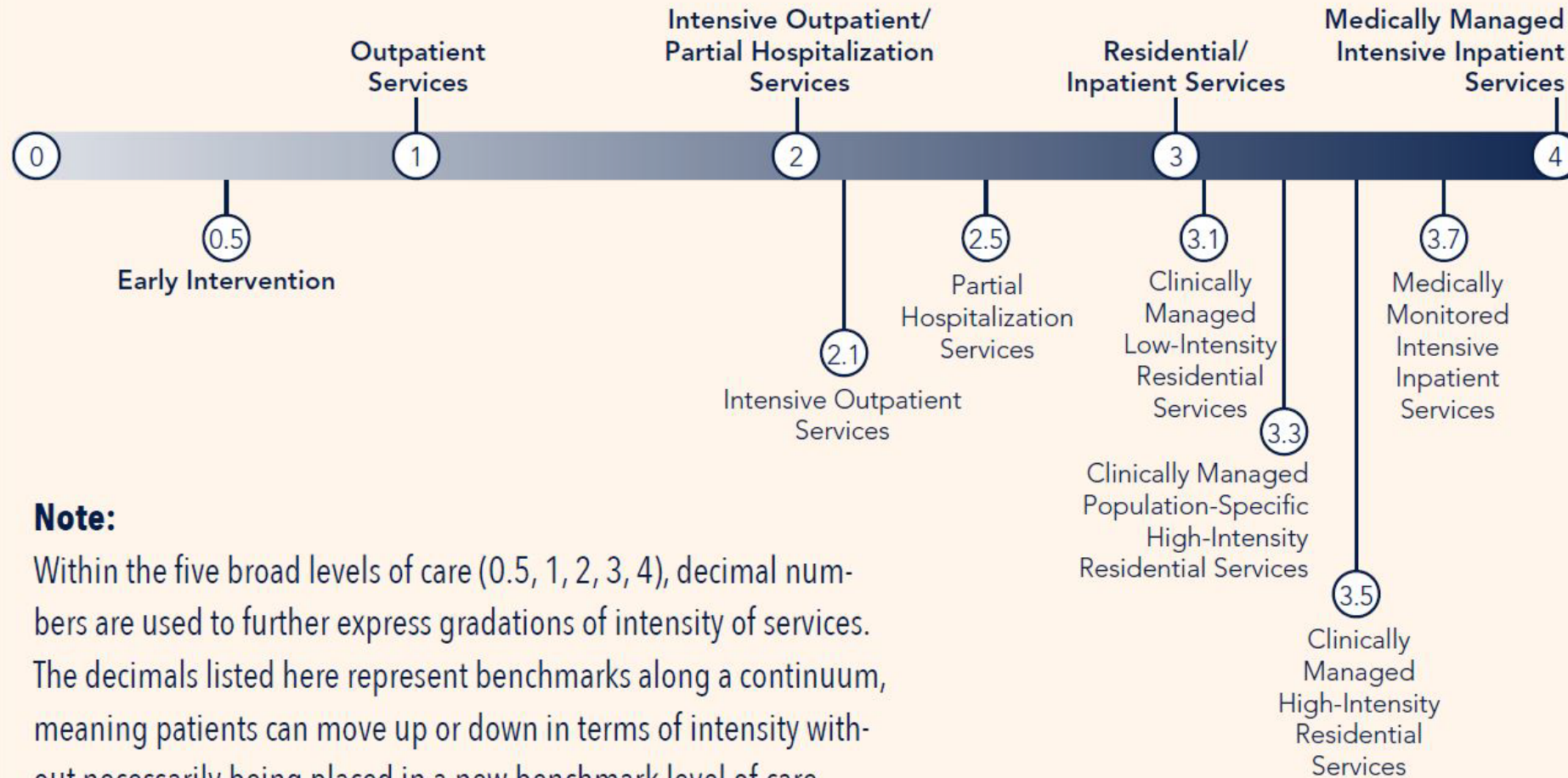
Regular reassessment and
adjustment of level of care
placement as needed



Components of
The ASAM Criteria

Addiction Treatment Continuum of Care

Withdrawal Management Levels



Note:

Within the five broad levels of care (0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4), decimal numbers are used to further express gradations of intensity of services. The decimals listed here represent benchmarks along a continuum, meaning patients can move up or down in terms of intensity without necessarily being placed in a new benchmark level of care.

LEVEL 1-WM

Ambulatory Withdrawal Management without Extended On-Site Monitoring

LEVEL 2-WM

Ambulatory Withdrawal Management with Extended On-Site Monitoring

LEVEL 3.2-WM

Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management

LEVEL 3.7-WM

Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management

LEVEL 4-WM

Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Withdrawal Management

Level of Care Certification

Level of Care Certification Program

- Independently assess and verify treatment programs' capacity to deliver services consistent with the Level of Care standards described in The ASAM Criteria
- Will initially cover adult residential programs at Levels 3.1, 3.5, and 3.7 of The ASAM Criteria.



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

ASAM and CARF Partnership

Collaboration to develop the rating elements for certification.

ASAM and CARF roles:

- ASAM offers training and publications to help programs prepare for certification
- CARF accepts applications for certification, conducts program surveys, and issues independent certification decisions

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

The Certification Process

The Path to Certification



Survey Process

Involves review of:

- Policies and procedures
- Physical facilities
- Staff position descriptions and schedules
- Sample of patient records



Evaluation Method

Two categories of rating elements

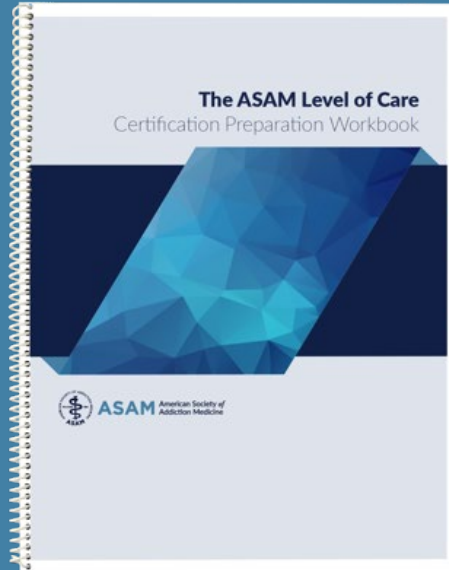
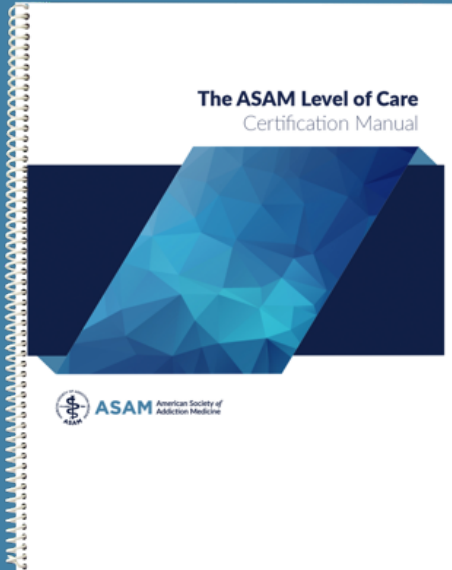
- **Defining Elements** All must be met at the time of the certification survey.
- **Non-defining Elements** Programs must satisfy the proprietary scoring methodology.

After Achieving Certification

- Certified programs will receive a seal and guide to promoting their certification
- To maintain certification programs must:
 - Address any deficiencies in a plan of action submitted to CARF
 - Annually attest to continued satisfaction of rating elements
- After three years, complete a recertification survey to maintain certification

Resources

Support for Certification



- *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



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