

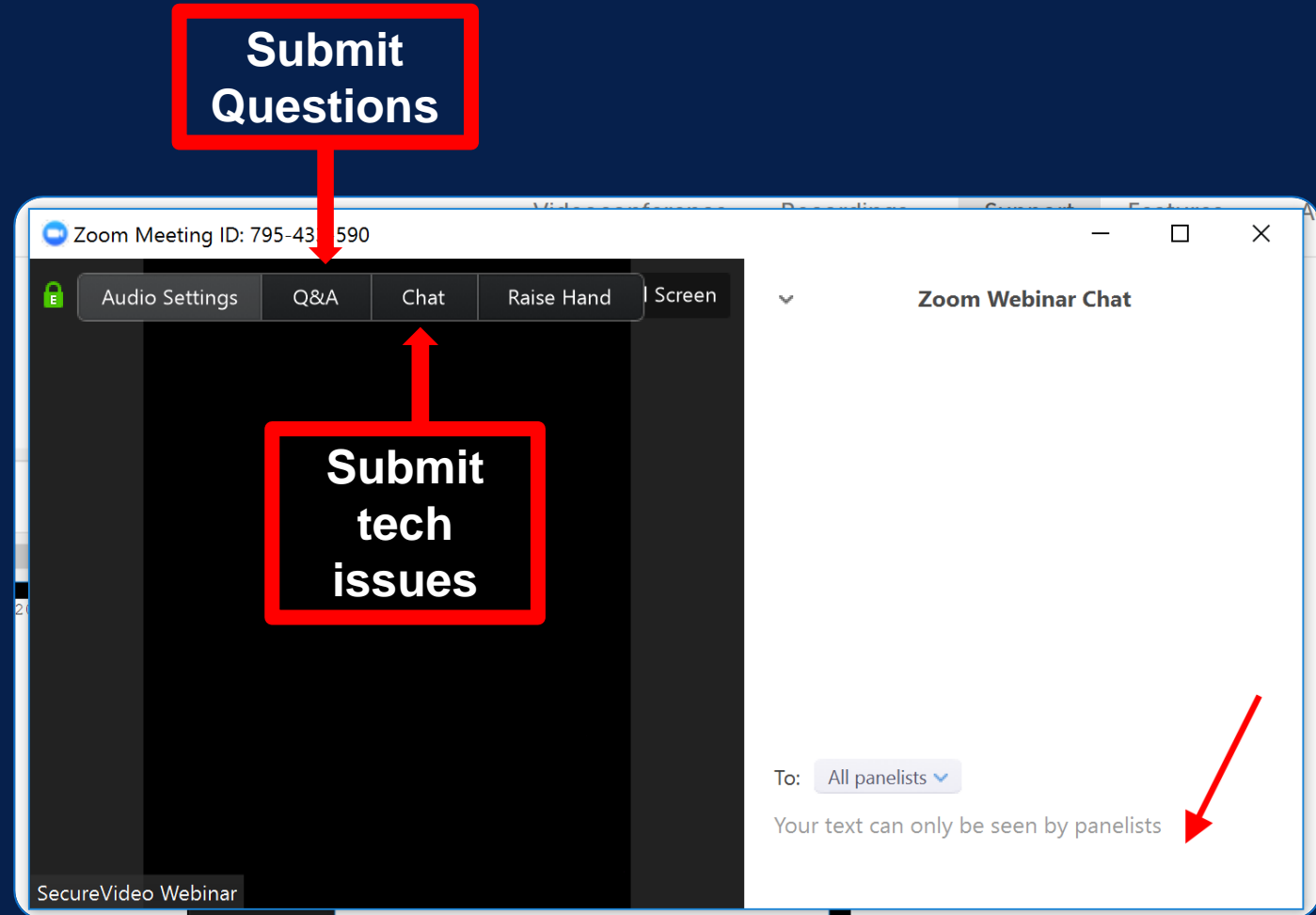
Ask the Experts: ASAM Level of Care Certification

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Faculty



Dr Bobrin is a graduate of Lafayette College and Hahnemann University School of Medicine. He completed an internship in Pediatrics at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital and a residency in Psychiatry at UMass Medical Center. He also completed a fellowship in Consult Psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital and a fellowship in Geriatric Psychiatry at Long Island Jewish Medical Center.

Dr Bobrin is currently board certified in Adult Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry, Consult Psychiatry, Neuropsychiatry, Addiction Medicine by both ABAM and ABPM and boarded in Pain Medicine.

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Faculty



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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:

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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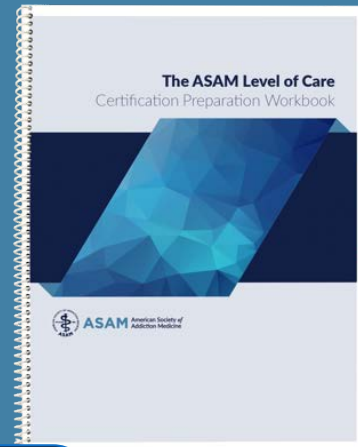
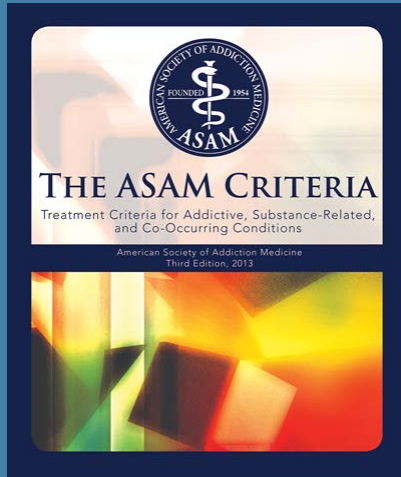
4. Six Characteristic Service Standards

- 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



How long should preparation take?

- 2 months or more
 - Based on CARF's experience
- It can take significantly longer
 - State of ASAM Criteria Implementation
 - Size of facility
 - Seeking multiple certifications
- Think critically about your preparation
 - Program bandwidth to have certification committee
 - Use the ASAM Level of Care Certification Standards Manual and Survey Preparation Workbook to identify possible gaps between required elements and current program status



Questions for ASAM

Standards and Rating Elements
ASAM Criteria

Assistive Books, Trainings, Consulting

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