

Adolescent Admission Criteria: Crosswalk of ASAM Levels 0.5 through IV

Criteria Dimensions	Levels of Service			
	Level 0.5 Early Intervention	Level I Outpatient Treatment	Level II.1 Intensive Outpatient Treatment	Level II.5 Partial Hospitalization
DIMENSION 1: Acute Intoxication and/or Withdrawal Potential	No risk of acute or subacute withdrawal	No risk of acute withdrawal; or, very mild symptoms of no more than improving sleep disturbance	No risk of acute withdrawal; or symptoms are mild and diminishing and will not distract from treatment	Mild risk acute or subacute withdrawal symptoms that are diminishing and tolerable, and not likely to distract from treatment
DIMENSION 2: Biomedical Conditions and Complications	None or very stable	None or very stable	None or stable; or may be a distraction at a less intensive level of care, but manageable in Level II.1 while being addressed concurrently by a medical provider	Mild or stable; or may be a distraction at a less intensive level of care, but manageable in Level II.5 while being addressed concurrently by a medical provider
DIMENSION 3: Emotional, Behavioral, or Cognitive Conditions and Complications	Conditions, if present, are stable, or are being addressed through appropriate mental health services and will not interfere with therapeutic interventions at this level of care	<u>ALL</u> of the following: (a) no risk of harm to self, others, or property; (b) problems present, if any, are substance- related rather than co-occurring psychiatric symptoms; (c) spheres of social functioning are impaired, but not endangered by substance use, and stable relationships can be maintained; (d) adequate resources to cope with emotional, behavioral, or cognitive problems, is in a stable environment and able to manage ADLs; (e) has only mild signs and symptoms that have been stabilized	<u>At least ONE</u> of the following: (a) mild risk of harm to self, others, or property that requires frequent, but not 24-hour, monitoring to assure safety; (b) an emotional, behavioral, or cognitive problem, which causes mild interference with treatment and requires increased intensity to support participation and/or compliance; (c) mild difficulties in social functioning, but able to meet ADLs and fulfill responsibilities at home, school, work, or community; (d) mild to moderate difficulties meeting ADLs requiring frequent monitoring; (e) condition would become unstable without frequent monitoring	<u>At least ONE</u> of the following: (a) mild risk of harm to self, others, or property that requires frequent, but not 24-hour, monitoring to assure safety; (b) an emotional, behavioral, or cognitive problem, which causes moderate interference with treatment and requires increased intensity to support participation and/or compliance; (c) moderate difficulties in social functioning, but able to meet ADLs and fulfill responsibilities at home, school, work, or community; (d) moderate difficulties meeting ADLs requiring near-daily monitoring; (e) condition would become unstable without daily or near-daily monitoring

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DIMENSION 4: Readiness to Change	Willing to gain an understanding of how current use of substances may be harmful or impair ability to achieve personal goals	Characterized by (a) <i>and one of</i> (b) or (c) or (d): (a) willing to cooperate with treatment plan and participate in activities; (b) acknowledges problem & wants change, but may be ambivalent about recovery; (c) acknowledges co-occurring psychiatric diagnosis, but resistant to SA diagnosis, or vice versa; (d) admits to SA problems but is more interested in avoiding negative consequences than recovery efforts	Characterized by (a) or (b): (a) requires structured treatment to promote progress through stages of change, evidenced by (1) verbally compliant w/ inconsistent behaviors, (2) passive involvement in treatment only, (3) variable compliance w/ attendance to less intensive services; (b) perspective inhibits ability to progress through stages of change (i.e., unrealistic or magical thinking about resolving issues with little or no effort, or does not recognize a need for assistance)	Characterized by (a) or (b): (a) requires structured treatment to promote progress through stages of change, evidenced by (1) verbally or behaviorally oppositional to treatment, (2) minimal involvement in treatment only, (3) poor compliance with attendance to less intensive services; (4) substance use is escalating; (b) perspective and lack of impulse control inhibit stages of change progress (i.e., blaming other people or events rather than acknowledge a substance problem and the need for assistance)
DIMENSION 5: Relapse, Continued Use, or Continued Problem Potential	Characterized by (a) or (b): (a) does not understand or accept the need to alter current pattern of use to prevent harm; (b) needs to acquire specific skills needed to change current pattern of use	Able to significantly reduce substance use, or to achieve abstinence and treatment goals with only minimal support	Characterized by (a) or (b): (a) significant risk of relapse or continued use, as well as deterioration in functioning, without frequent outpatient monitoring and therapeutic services; (b) recognition & understanding of relapse issues is impaired, and avoidance of continued use can only be achieved through moderate level of support available in II.1 program	Characterized by (a) or (b): (a) high risk of relapse or continued use without almost daily monitoring and therapeutic services, and less intensive treatment has been attempted and/or considered & judged to be ineffective; (b) recognition & understanding of relapse issues is impaired, and coping skills are so poor that nearly daily structure is needed to prevent or arrest significant deterioration in function

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DIMENSION 6: Recovery Environment	Risk of initiation or progression of substance use is increased by use by family, peers, or social supports	Family and environment can support recovery with little assistance	Environment is impeding recovery efforts, requires close monitoring and support to overcome that barrier	Environment renders recovery unlikely without near-daily monitoring and support or frequent relief from the home environment

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	Level III.1 Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential	Level III.5 Clinically Managed Medium-Intensity Residential	Level III.7 Medically Monitored High-Intensity Residential/Inpatient	Level IV Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient
DIMENSION 1: Acute Intoxication and/or Withdrawal Potential	Risk of withdrawal is being managed concurrently at another level of care	Mild to moderate withdrawal, or at risk of withdrawal, but does not need pharmacological management or frequent medical or nursing monitoring	Moderate to severe withdrawal, or at risk of withdrawal, but is manageable at Level III.7-D	Severe withdrawal, or is at risk of withdrawal, and requires intensive active medical management
DIMENSION 2: Biommedical Conditions and Complications	None or stable	None or stable; or is receiving concurrent medical monitoring	Requires medical monitoring, but not intensive treatment	Requires 24-hour medical and nursing care
DIMENSION 3: Emotional, Behavioral, or Cognitive Conditions and Complications	<u>One or more of the following:</u> (a) Needs a stable living environment for safety; (b) Moderate interference with recovery efforts, requiring limited 24-hour supervision; (c) Moderate impairment of social functioning, requiring limited 24-hour supervision to sustain responsibilities; (d) Moderate difficulties with ADLs and needs 24-hour supervision and frequent prompting; (e) History (combined with present situation) predicts instability without limited 24-hour supervision to sustain	<u>One or more of the following:</u> (a) Moderate, but stable risk of harm; (b) Moderate to severe interference of recovery efforts requiring medium-intensity residential; (c) Moderate to severe impairment of social functioning & cannot be managed at a lesser level of care; (d) Moderate to severe difficulties with ADLs requiring 24-hour supervision & medium-intensity assistance; (e) History (combined with present situation) predicts destabilization without medium-intensity residential treatment	<u>One or more of the following:</u> (a) Moderate risk of harm (without being stable) and needs high-intensity monitoring; (b) Severe interference with recovery efforts requiring high-intensity residential services; (c) Severe impairment of social functioning and cannot be managed at a lesser level of care; (d) Severe difficulties with ADLs requiring 24-hour supervision and high-intensity staff assistance; (e) History (combined with present situation) predicts destabilization without high-intensity residential treatment	<u>One or more of the Following:</u> (a) Severe risk of harm; (b) Very severe interference with recovery efforts rendering less intensive levels of care ineffective; (c) Very severe and/or dangerous impairment of social functioning requiring frequent medical & nursing interventions; (d) very severe difficulties with ADLs requiring frequent medical and nursing interventions; (e) History (combined with present situation) predicts destabilization without inpatient management

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DIMENSION 4: Readiness to Change	Open to recovery, but needs limited 24-hour supervision to promote or sustain progress	Needs intensive motivating strategies in a 24-hour structured program to address minimal treatment engagement or opposition to treatment	Needs high-intensity motivating strategies in a 24-hour medically-monitored program to address lack of treatment engagement associated with a biomedical, emotional or behavioral condition; or is actively opposed to treatment and requires confinement or high-intensity case management services	Problems in this dimension do not qualify the adolescent for Level IV services
DIMENSION 5: Relapse, Continued Use or Continued Problem Potential	Understands potential for continued use and/or has emerging recovery skills, but needs supervision to reinforce recovery & relapse prevention skills, or limit exposure to triggers to maintain gains	Unable to control use or avoid serious impairment without a 24-hour structured program due to inability to overcome environmental triggers or cravings; or has high chronicity and/or poor treatment response	Unable to interrupt a high severity or high frequency pattern of use and avoid dangerous consequences without high-intensity 24-hour interventions due to an emotional, behavioral or cognitive condition, severe impulse control issues, withdrawal symptoms, etc.	Problems in this dimension do not qualify the adolescent for Level IV services
DIMENSION 6: Recovery Environment	Environment poses a threat to recovery; requires alternative residential containment or support	Environment is dangerous to recovery; requires residential treatment to promote recovery goals or for protection	Environment is dangerous to recovery; requires residential treatment to promote recovery goals or for protection, and to help establish a successful transition to a less intensive level of care	Problems in this dimension do not qualify the adolescent for Level IV services

Note: This overview of the Adolescent Admission Criteria is an approximate summary to illustrate the principal concepts and structure of the criteria