

Adult Admission Criteria: Crosswalk of ASAM Levels 0.5 through IV

Criteria Dimensions	Levels of Service				
	Level 0.5 Early Intervention	OMT Opioid Maintenance Therapy	Level I Outpatient Services	Level II.1 Intensive Outpatient	Level II.5 Partial Hospitalization
DIMENSION 1: Acute Intoxication and/or Withdrawal Potential	No withdrawal risk	Patient is physiologically dependent on opiates and requires OMT to prevent withdrawal	I-D, Ambulatory detoxification without extended on-site monitoring	Minimal risk of severe withdrawal	II-D, Ambulatory detoxofocation with extended on-site monitoring
			Minimal risk of severe withdrawal		Moderate risk of severe withdrawal
DIMENSION 2: Biomedical Conditions and Complications	None or very stable	None or manageable with outpatient medical monitoring	None or very stable	None or not a distraction from treatment and manageable in Level II.1	None or not sufficient to distract from treatment and manageable in Level II.5
DIMENSION 3: Emotional/Behavioral Conditions and Complications	None or very stable	None or manageable in outpatient structured environment	None or very stable	None or mild severity, with potential to distract from recovery; needs monitoring	Mild to Moderate severity, with potential to distract from recovery; need stabilization
DIMENSION 4: Treatment Acceptance/ Resistance	Willing to understand how current use may affect personal goals	Resistance high enough to require structured therapy to promote treatment progress, but will not render outpatient treatment ineffective	Willing to cooperate but needs motivating and monitoring strategies	Resistance high enough to require structured program but not so high as to render outpatient treatment ineffective	Resistance high enough to require structured program but not so high as to render outpatient treatment ineffective

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DIMENSION 5: Relapse/ Continued Use Potential	Needs understanding of, or skills to change, current use patterns	High risk of relapse or continued use without OMT and structured therapy to promote treatment progress	Able to maintain abstinence or control use and pursue recovery goals with minimal support	Intensification of addiction symptoms, despite active participation in Level I, and high likelihood of relapse or continued use without close monitoring and support	Intensification of addiction symptoms, despite active participation in Level I or II.1; high likelihood of relapse or continued use without monitoring and support
DIMENSION 6: Recovery Environment	Social support system or significant others increase risk for personal conflict about alcohol/drug use	Supportive recovery environment and/or patient has skills to cope with outpatient treatment	Supportive recovery environment and/or patient has skills to cope	Environment unsupportive, but, with structure and support, the patient can cope	Environment is not supportive, but, with structure and support and relief from the home environment, the patient can cope

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	Level III.1 Clinically-Managed Low Intensity Residential Services	Level III.3 Clinically-Managed Medium Intensity Residential Services	Level III.5 Clinically-Managed Medium/High Intensity Residential Services	Level III.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient Services	Level IV Medically-Managed Intensive Inpatient Services
DIMENSION 1: Acute Intoxification and/or Withdrawal Potential	No withdrawal risk	Level III.2D, Clinically- Managed Residential Detoxification Services	Minimal risk of severe withdrawal for Level III.3 and III.5. If withdrawal is present, meets Level III.2-D criteria	III.7-D, Medically- Monitored Inpatient Detoxification Services	IV-D, Medically- Managed Inpatient Detoxification Services
		No severe withdrawal risk, but moderate withdrawal manageable in III.2-D		Severe withdrawal, but manageable in Level III.7-D	Severe withdrawal risk
DIMENSION 2: Biomedical Conditions and Complications	None or stable	None or stable	None or stable; receiving concurrent medical monitoring	Patient requires medical monitoring, but not intensive treatment	Patient requires 24-hour medical and nursing care
DIMENSION 3: Emotional/Behavioral Conditions and Complications	None or minimal; not distracting to recovery	Mild to moderate severity; needs structure to allow focus on recovery	Repeated inability to control impulses; personality disorder requires high structure to shape behavior	Moderate severity; patient needs a 24-hour structured setting	Severe problems require 24-hour psychiatric care with concomitant addiction treatment
DIMENSION 4: Treatment Acceptance/ Resistance	Open to recovery, but needs structured environment to maintain therapeutic gains	Little awareness; patient needs interventions available only in Level III.3 to engage and keep in treatment	Marked difficulty with, or opposition to, treatment, with dangerous consequences if not engaged in treatment	Resistance high and impulse control poor, despite negative consequences; patient needs motivating strategies available only in 24-hour structured setting	Problems in this dimension do not qualify the patient for Level IV services

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DIMENSION 5: Relapse/ Continued Use Potential	Understands relapse but needs structure to maintain therapeutic gains	Little awareness; patient needs interventions available only in Level III.3 to prevent continued use	No recognition of skills needed to prevent continued use, with dangerous consequences	Unable to control use, with dangerous consequences, despite active participation in less intensive care	Problems in this dimension do not qualify the patient for Level IV services
DIMENSION 6: Recovery Environment	Environment is dangerous, but recovery achievable if Level III.1 structure is available	Environment is dangerous; patient needs 24-hour structure to learn to cope	Environment is dangerous; patient lacks skills to cope outside of a highly structured 24-hour setting	Environment is dangerous for recovery; patient lacks skills to cope outside of a highly structured 24-hour setting	Problems in this dimension do not qualify the patient for Level IV services

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