



ASAM Criteria 4th Edition: Implication for SAPC Treatment Provider Agencies

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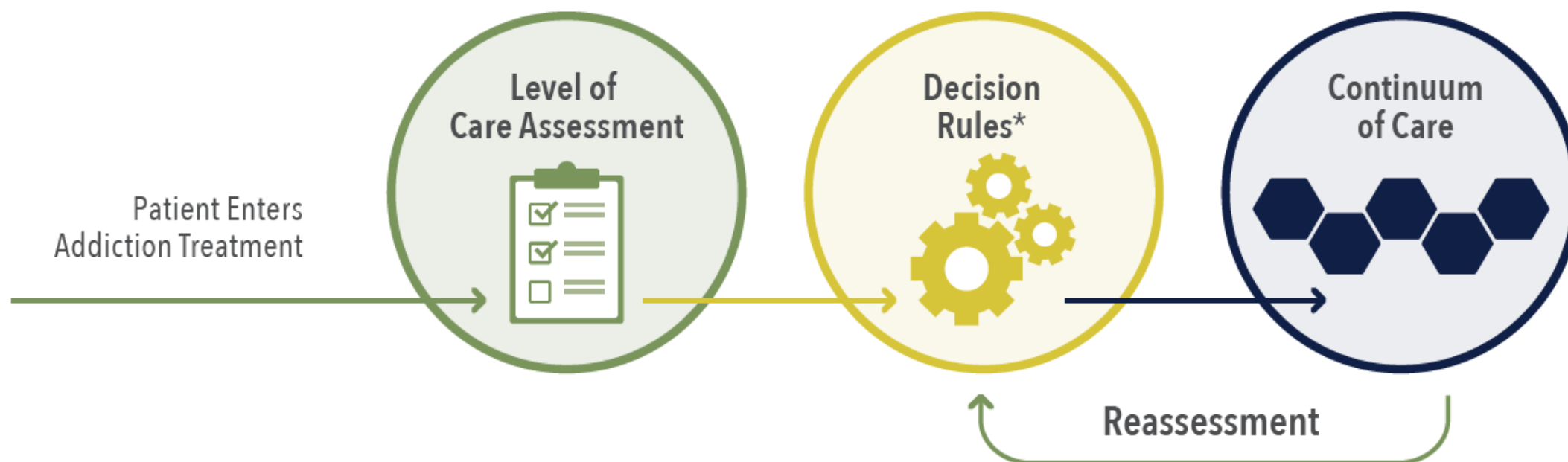
The ASAM Criteria

- The criteria provide a consistent way to:
 - assess patients' biopsychosocial circumstances to identify the appropriate level of care
 - develop comprehensive, individualized, and patient-centered treatment plans
 - define the services that should be available at each level of care
- Promote individualized and holistic treatment planning
- Guide clinicians and care managers in making objective decisions about patient admission, continuing care, and movement along the continuum of care.

Principles of *The ASAM Criteria*

- Admission into treatment is based on patient needs, not arbitrary prerequisites
- Multidimensional assessment addresses the broad biological, psychological, social, and cultural factors that contribute to addiction and recovery
- Treatment plans are individualized based on patient needs and preferences
- Care is interdisciplinary, evidence-based, patient-centered, and delivered from a place of empathy
- Co-occurring conditions are an expectation, not an exception
- Patients move along the continuum of care based on their progress, not predetermined lengths of stay
- Informed consent and shared decision-making accompany treatment decisions

Core Components of The ASAM Criteria



* Decision rules include the Dimensional Admission Criteria and the transition and continued service criteria.

Goals of the Fourth Edition

- Update the standards to reflect the current state of science and practice
- Further promote a chronic care model that supports seamless movement along the care continuum
- Improve clarity and simplify where possible to support more effective implementation

Access to Addiction Medications

- Dimension 1 updated to include “Addiction Medication Needs”
- All medically managed levels of care able to initiate all FDA-approved medications for SUD
- All patients should have a physical exam within a reasonable time that assesses addiction medication needs
- All clinically managed levels of care able to support continuation of any FDA-approved medication



NEW METHODOLOGY



ASAM Criteria 4th Edition Development Process

17 Writing
Committees

Structured
Evidence
Review

Review 3rd
Edition
standards

Draft standards
and decision
rules

Voting Panel
rating and
reconciliation

Public comment
period and
reconciliation

Board and
Council Review
and Approval

Narrative
Chapter Field
Reviews

Nearly 3000 comments addressed

274 unique organizations & individuals for targeted outreach

- 61 Directors of Single State Agencies + NASADAD
- 52 State Medicaid Directors + NAMD
- 51 Allied Organizations
- 37 ASAM State Chapter Presidents
- 23 Payers
- 21 Organizations representing diverse clinical experts
- 18 Federal Agencies
- 7 Patients, People in Recovery, PWUD Organizations
- 4 Justice Involved Agencies

Public Comment Period #1
Initial Thoughts on 3rd Ed

35 Organizations

224 Commenters

1504 Comments

Public Comment Period #2
Proposed Major Changes

55 Organizations

135 Commenters

461 Comments

Public Comment Period #3
Proposed Standards and Decision Rules

51 Organizations

102 Commenters

906 Comments

7 Payers, 4 Policy Makers, 12 Treatment Programs, 31 Providers and More!

>87k recipients of non-targeted email outreach

Governance and Oversight

Board of Directors

Approved Major Changes

Quality Improvement Council

Approved Decision Rules & Standards

ASAM Criteria Strategy Steering Committee

Approved Decision Rules & Standards

Editorial Team

Voting Panel

18 Writing Committees



ASSESSMENT STANDARDS



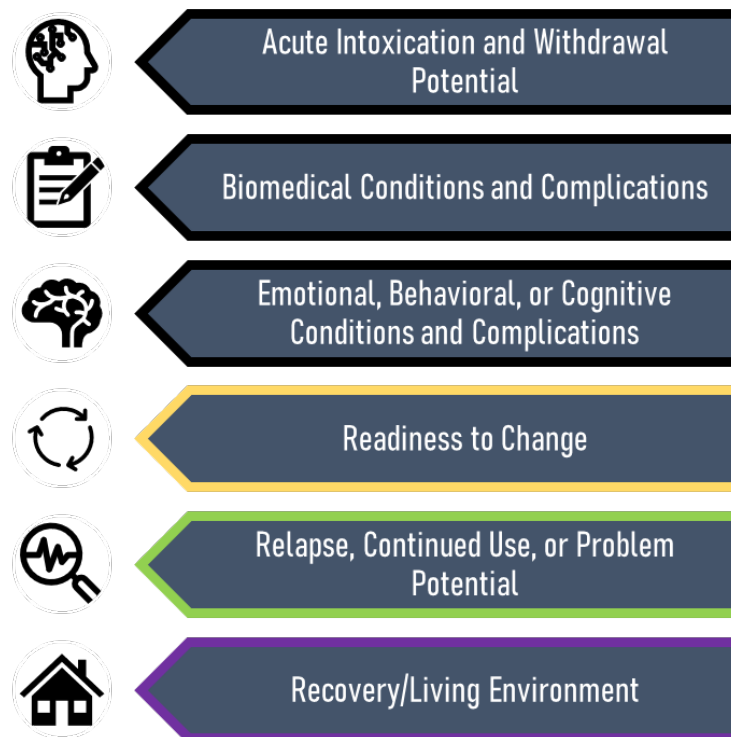
ASAM Criteria Assessment

- The 4th Edition describes separate standards for:
 - The ASAM Criteria Level of Care Assessment that is used to determine the recommended level of care
 - The ASAM Criteria Treatment Planning Assessment
 - Both assessments are multidimensional and consider the patient's full biological, psychological, and sociocultural context

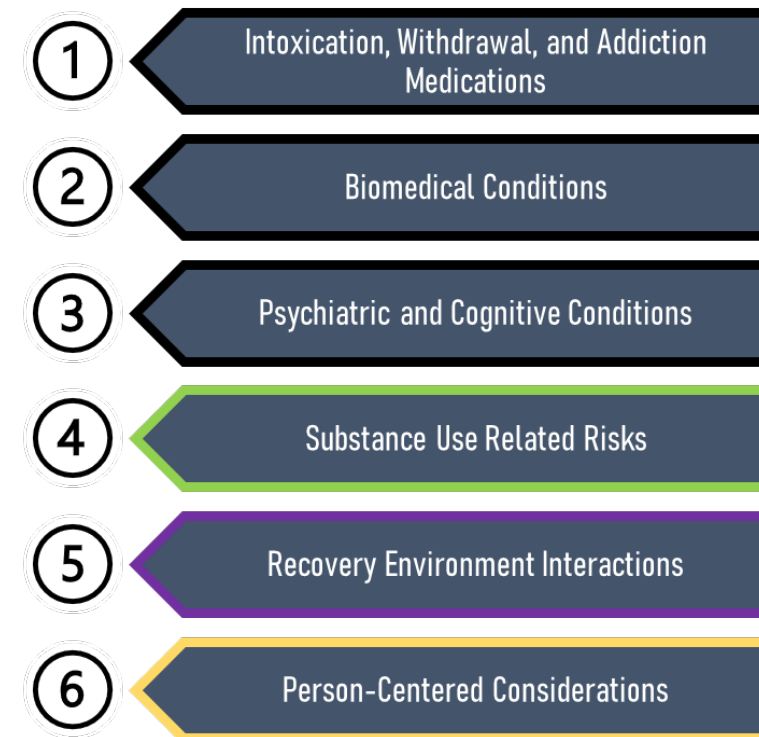
Reordering the dimensions

- Since readiness to change does not independently contribute to initial treatment recommendations the dimensions will be adjusted
- Readiness considered across all dimensions.
- New Dimension 6 focuses on patient preferences, barriers to care, and need for motivational enhancement

Third Edition



Fourth Edition



Fourth Edition

1 Intoxication, Withdrawal, and Addiction Medications

2 Biomedical Conditions

3 Psychiatric and Cognitive Conditions

4 Substance Use-Related Risks

5 Recovery Environment Interactions

NEW

6 Person-Centered Considerations

Assessment Dimensions

Subdimensions

Dimension 1 – Intoxication, Withdrawal, and Addiction Medications

- **Intoxication and associated risks**
- **Withdrawal and associated risks**
- **Addiction medication needs**

Dimension 2 – Biomedical Conditions

- **Physical health concerns**
- **Pregnancy-related concerns**
- Sleep problems

Dimension 3 – Psychiatric and Cognitive Conditions

- **Active psychiatric concerns**
- **Persistent Disability**
- Cognitive Functioning
- Trauma exposure and related needs
- Psychiatric and cognitive history

Dimension 4 – Substance Use Related Risks

- **Likelihood of risky substance use**
- **Likelihood of risky SUD-related behaviors**

Dimension 5 – Recovery Environment Interactions

- **Ability to function in current environment**
- **Safety in current environment**
- **Support in current environment**
- Cultural perceptions of substance use

Dimension 6 – Person-Centered Considerations

- Patient preferences
- Barriers to care
- Need for motivational enhancement



Dimension 1

- Intoxication, Withdrawal, and Addiction Medications
 - Intoxication and Associated Risks
 - Withdrawal and Associated Risks
 - Addiction Medication Needs

Medical Management

- Medications (and related education)
- Nursing care
- Medical monitoring/follow ups

Clinical Services and Supports

- Motivational interventions
- Treatment plan/medication adherence
- Behavioral interventions
- Psychoeducation
- Overdose prevention

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Dimension 2

- Biomedical Conditions
 - Physical health concerns
 - Pregnancy-related concerns
 - Sleep problems

Medical Management

- Medications (and related education)
- Monitoring/follow ups
- Anticipated duration of medically managed care

Referrals for External Care

- Care coordination
- Patient navigation

Clinical Services and Supports

- Goals related to physical health
- Treatment plan/medication adherence
- Psychosocial services
- Motivational interventions

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Dimension 3

- Psychiatric and Cognitive Conditions
 - Active psychiatric symptoms
 - Persistent disability
 - Cognitive functioning
 - Trauma-related needs
 - Psychiatric and cognitive history

Medical Management

- Medications (and related education)
- Monitoring/follow ups
- Anticipated duration of medically managed care

Referrals for External Care

- Care coordination

Clinical Services and Supports

- Goals related to mental and cognitive health
- Treatment plan/medication adherence
- Psychosocial services
- Integrated treatment plans
- Motivational interventions



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Dimension 4

- Substance use-related risks
 - Likelihood of engaging in risky substance use
 - Likelihood of engaging in risky SUD-related behaviors

Clinical Services and Supports

- Individual goals
- Building skills and insight
- External factors that influence recovery
- Adherence to treatment plan
- Motivational interventions

Harm Reduction Strategies

Recovery Support Services

- Peer support



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Dimension 5

- Recovery Environment Interactions
 - Ability to function effectively in current environment
 - Safety in current environment
 - Support in current environment
 - Cultural perceptions of substance use and addiction

Clinical Services and Supports

- Establishing safe living environment
- Insight
- Skills of daily living
- Building a support network
- Motivational interventions
- Family/support system interventions
- Case management

Recovery Support Services

- Peer support
- Educational services (eg, job training, financial literacy, parenting skills)
- Social services navigation



Dimension 6

- Person-Centered Considerations
 - Barriers to care
 - Patient preferences
 - Need for motivational enhancement

Clinical Services and Supports

- Motivational interventions
- Coordination with external agencies (eg, criminal justice, child protective services)

Recovery Support Services

- Services addressing SDOH
- Social services navigation
- Peer support



CONTINUUM OF CARE



The ASAM Criteria Continuum of Care for Adult Addiction Treatment

Level 4: Inpatient

4 Medically Managed
Inpatient
4 Psych

Level 3: Residential

3.1 Clinically Managed
Low-Intensity
Residential

3.5 Clinically Managed
High-Intensity
Residential
3.5 COE

3.7 Medically Managed
Residential
3.7 BIO 3.7 COE

Level 2: IOP/HIOP

2.1 Intensive
Outpatient (IOP)

2.5 High-Intensity
Outpatient
(HIOP)
2.5 COE

2.7 Medically Managed
Intensive
Outpatient
2.7 COE

Level 1: Outpatient

1.0 Long-Term
Remission
Monitoring

1.5 Outpatient
Therapy
1.5 COE

1.7 Medically Managed
Outpatient
1.7 COE

Recovery Residence

RR Recovery
Residence

Notable Level of Care changes



Removing Level 0.5. Early intervention and prevention are addressed in a new chapter.



Removing Level 3.3. Reflecting that cognitive deficits should be addressed in all levels of care.



Level 3.2 WM services integrated into Level 3.5.



Recovery support service expectations at each level of care.



Expectation that all levels of care be co-occurring capable at minimum.



Adding harm reduction as a component of individualized care.

Continuity Along the Continuum



Prevent sharp drop-offs in clinical care



Structured services 7 days per week in Level 3.1 and 3.5



Aligning clinical service standards.

Access to Addiction Medications



- Dimension 1 updated to include “Addiction Medication Needs” to support delivery of the standard of care for SUD treatment
- All medically managed levels of care able to initiate all FDA-approved medications for SUD
- All patients should have a physical exam within a reasonable time that assesses addiction medication needs
- All clinically managed levels of care able to support continuation of any FDA-approved medication

Expansion of Level 1

- Level 1.0 – Long-Term Remission Monitoring
 - Recovery management checkups
 - Rapid reengagement in care when needed
- Level 1.5 – Outpatient Therapy
 - Less than 9 hours per week of psychosocial services
- Level 1.7 – Medically Managed Outpatient
 - Encompasses Level 1-WM from 3rd edition
 - Incorporates low threshold medication initiation
 - Able to provide psychosocial services equivalent to Level 1.5

Updated Continuum of Care

- Reframing early intervention and prevention
 - Includes chapter but no longer uses Level 0.5 nomenclature
- Treatment of cognitive impairments
 - Eliminates third edition Level 3.3
 - Includes chapter addressing treatment of individuals with cognitive impairments across the continuum
- Updating Level 3.7 to reflect residential care

Supporting Comprehensive Care

- Integrating withdrawal management and biomedical care in the continuum of care
 - Level 1.7: Medically Managed Outpatient Treatment
 - Level 2.7: Medically Managed Intensive Outpatient Treatment
 - Level 3.7: Medically Managed Residential
 - Level 3.7 BIO has advanced biomedical capabilities including intravenous (IV) fluids and medications, as well as advanced wound care
 - Level 4: Medically Managed Inpatient

Integrating Co-Occurring Capability

- All programs should be co-occurring capable at minimum
 - Program services designed with expectation that most patients have co-occurring conditions
 - Ability to manage mild to moderate acuity, instability, and/or functional impairment.
 - At least one staff member qualified to assess and triage mental health conditions
 - Integrated treatment plans
 - Coordination with external mental health providers as needed
 - Program content that addresses co-occurring conditions

Recovery Services

- Recovery service expectations at each LOC
- Dimensional Admission Criteria consider the need for recovery residence support
- Algorithm may recommend an outpatient level of care plus a recovery residence
- New chapter on Integrating Recovery Support Services (Chapter 15)

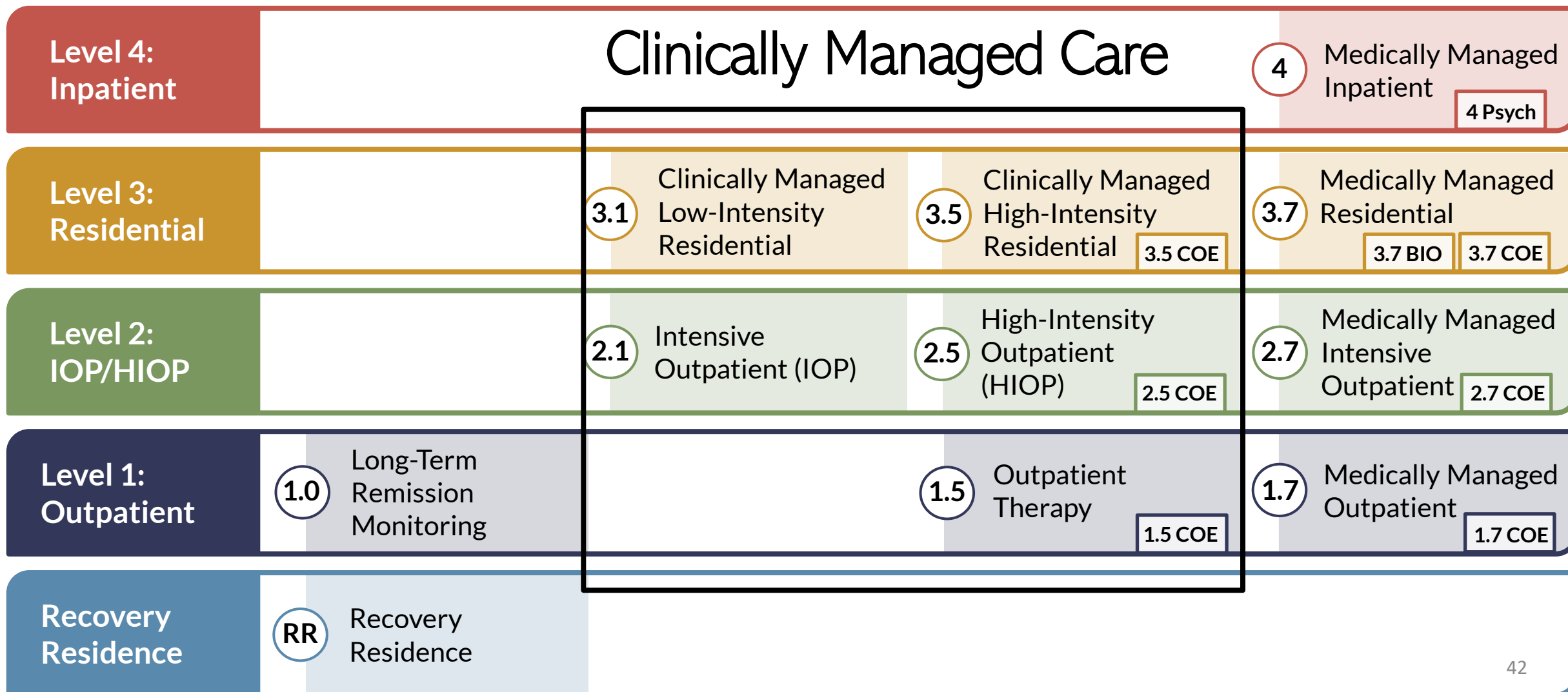
Continuity Along the Continuum

- Prevent sharp drop-offs in clinical care
- Structured services 7 days per week in Level 3.1 and 3.5
- Aligning clinical service standards
 - Aligning 2.1 and 3.1: 9-19 hours of clinical services per week
 - Aligning 2.5 and 3.5: 20 plus hours of clinical services per week

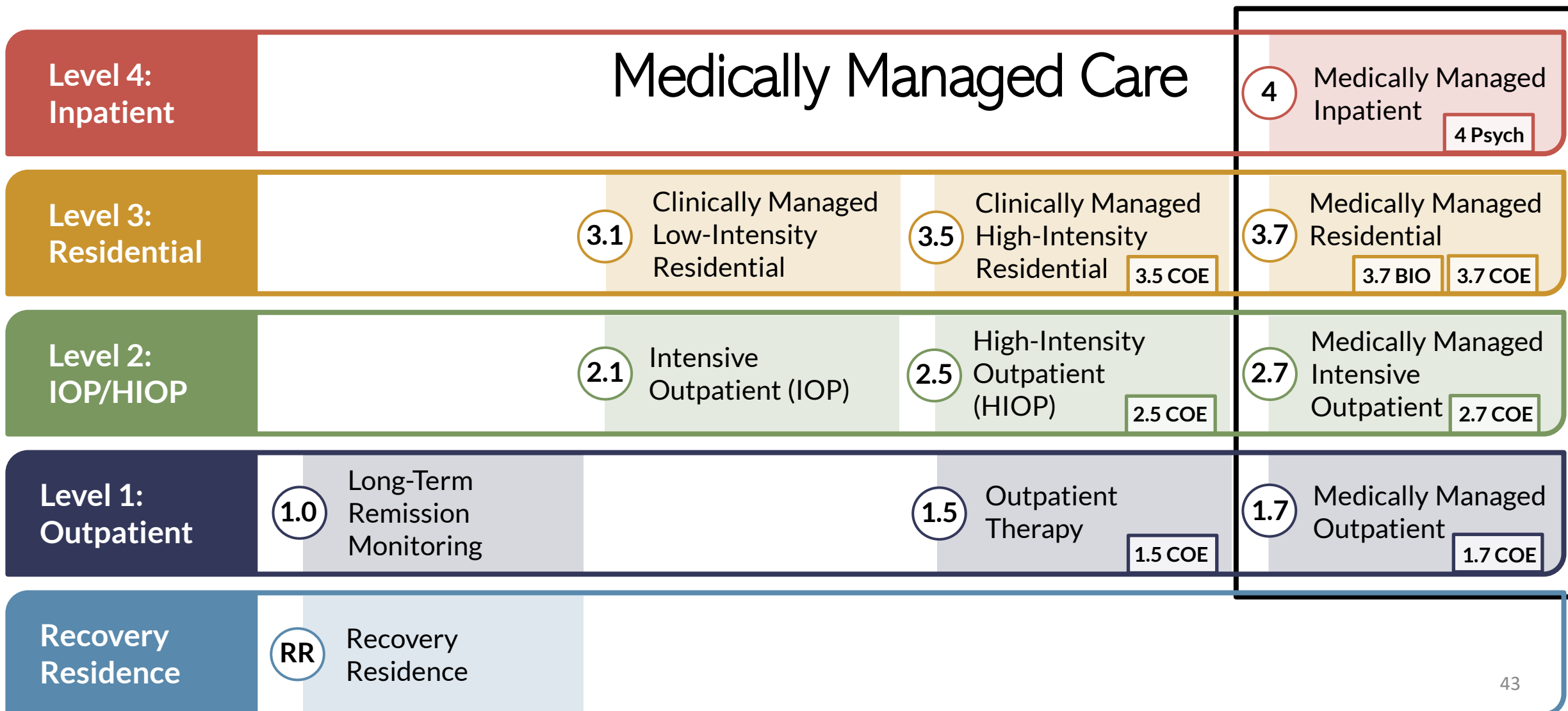
Chronic Care Model

- Integration of long-term remission monitoring (Level 1.0)
- Emphasis on recovery services (RSS)
 - Assessment of RSS needs
 - RSS service standards for each level of care
- Encouraging formal affiliations across levels of care to support seamless transitions

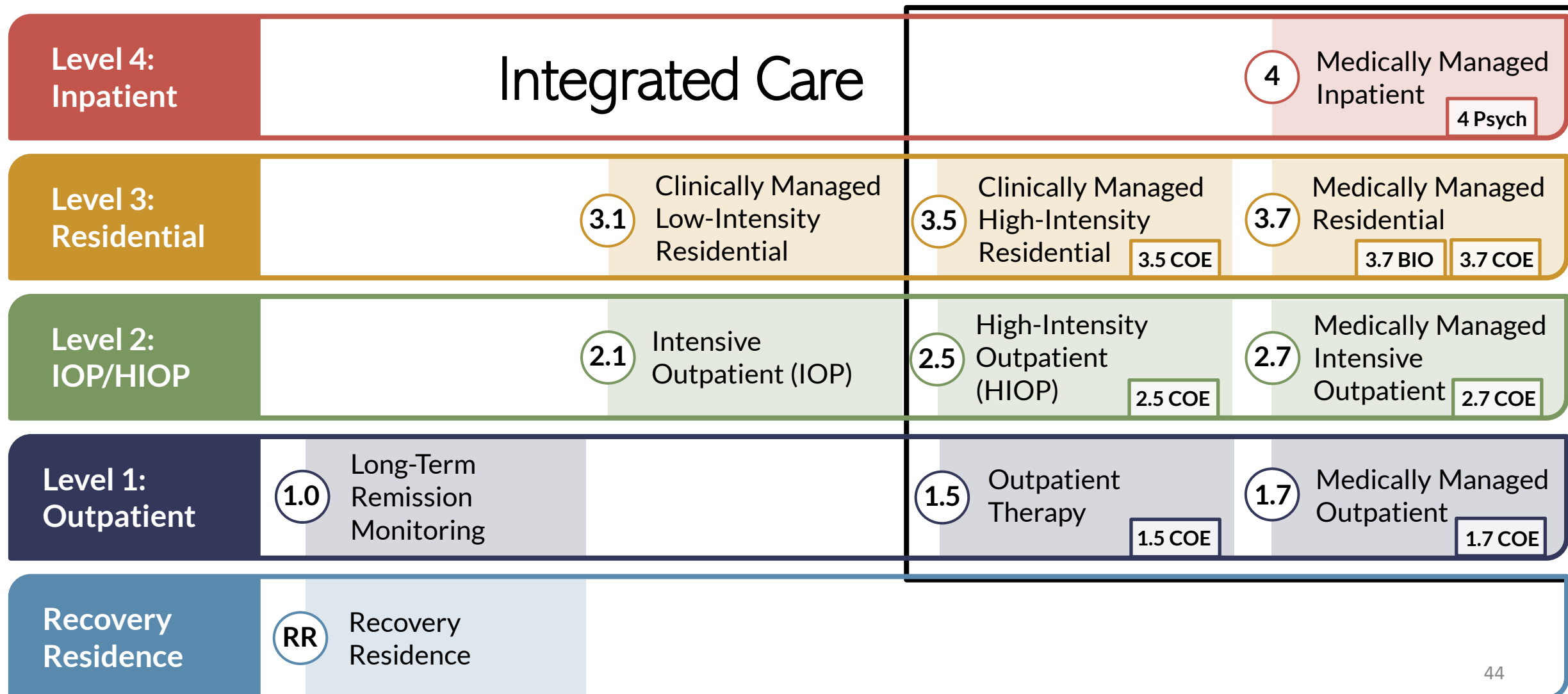
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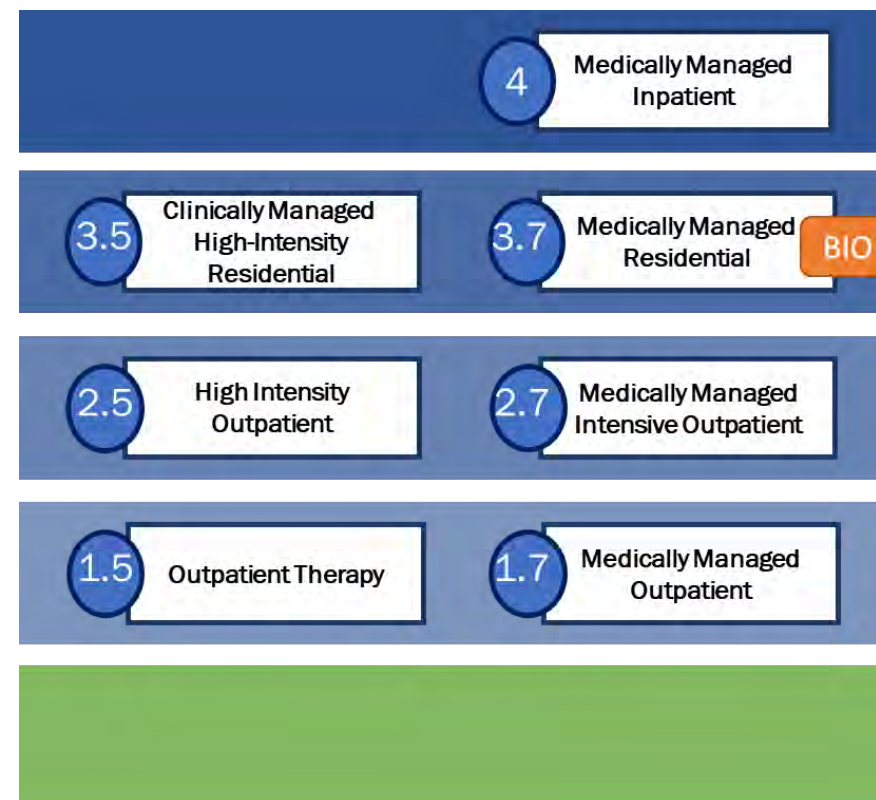


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Integration of Care

- Withdrawal management and biomedical services integrated into the main continuum
- All programs expected to be co-occurring capable



Co-occurring enhanced care (COE) Standards
Defined for x.5, x.7, and Level 4

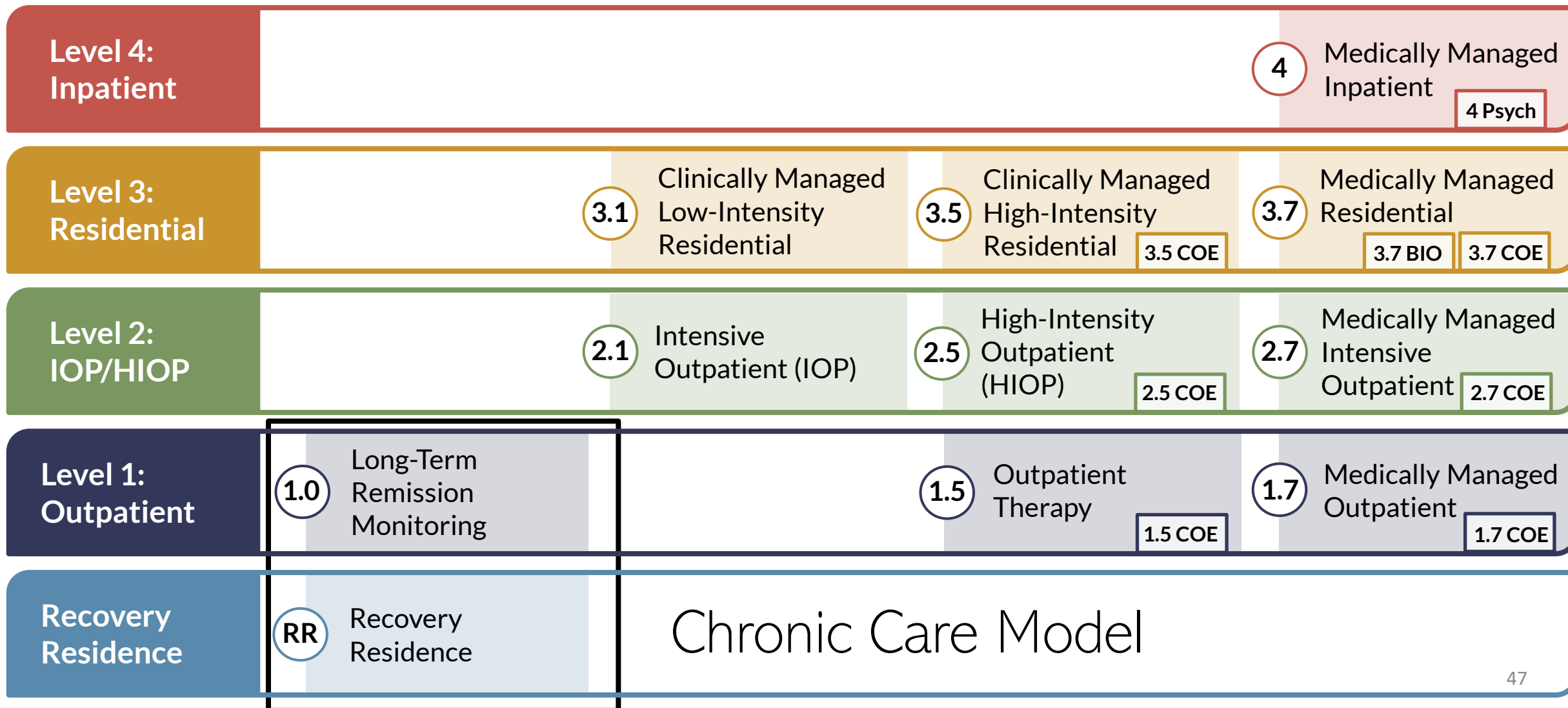


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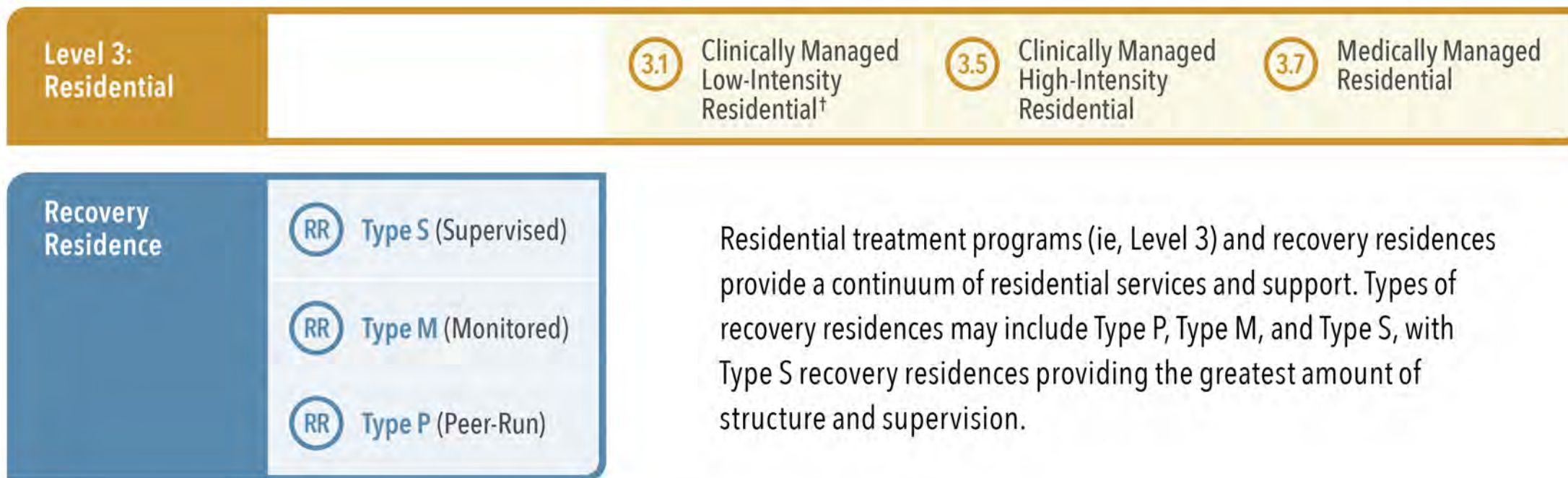
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Residential Treatment and Recovery Residence Continuum of Care*



* Developed in coordination with the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR).

† NARR Type C (Clinical) programs are equivalent to *The ASAM Criteria* Level 3.1 that applies the social model.

Changes to The ASAM Criteria Continuum of Care – Adult

ADULT, 3rd Edition

Level 0.5
Level 1
Level 1 WM

Level 2.1
Level 2.5
Level 2 WM

Level 3.1
Level 3.2 WM
Level 3.3
Level 3.5
Level 3.7
Level 3.7 WM

Level 4
Level 4 WM

ADULT, 4th Edition

Level 1.0 **New**
Level 1.5
Level 1.7
Level 1 Outpatient

Level 2.1
Level 2.5
Level 2.7
Level 2 Intensive Outpatient/
High-Intensity
Outpatient Treatment

Level 3.1
Level 3.5
Level 3.7
Level 3 Residential

Level 4
Level 4 Inpatient

Key

- Services discussed in new chapters
- - - - - Elements incorporated into other level(s)
- - - - - Incorporated into a new level care
- > Revised and updated level of care



Service Characteristic Standards



Service Characteristic Standards



Setting



Support Systems



Services



Staff



Assessment and
Treatment Planning



Documentation

Clinically Managed Outpatient



	1.0	1.5	2.1	2.5
	Long-term Remission Monitoring	Outpatient Therapy	Intensive Outpatient Treatment	High-intensity Outpatient Treatment
Medical Director	Not typical	Not typical	Not typical	Yes
Nursing	Not typical	Not typical	Not typical	Variable [†]
Program Director	Variable [‡]	Yes	Yes	Yes
Allied Health Staff	Variable	Variable	Typically available	Typically available
Physical exam	Verify a physical exam in the last year or refer	Within 1 month of treatment initiation	Within 14 days of admission [§]	Within 7 days of admission
Nursing Assessment	Not typical	Not typical	Not typical	Not typical
Clinical Services	Recovery and remission management services	Direct psychosocial services	Direct psychosocial services Therapeutic milieu	Direct psychosocial services Therapeutic milieu
Clinical Service Hours	Quarterly services at minimum	<9 h/wk	9-19 h/wk	≥20 h/wk
Recovery Support Services (RSS)	Recovery management checkups and other RSS*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*

* Directly or through formally affiliated provider

Residential Levels Overview



	3.1	3.5
	Clinically Managed Low-intensity Residential Treatment	Clinically Managed High-intensity Residential Treatment
Supervision	Patients may leave independently during the day with appropriate accountability checks	24-h supervision
Medical Director	Not typical	Yes
Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers	Not typical	Available to review admission decisions.
Nursing	Not typical	Variable [†]
Program Director	Yes	Yes
Allied Health Staff	On-site and alert 24 h/d	On-site and alert 24 h/d
Physical Exam	Within 14 days of admission [‡]	Within 72 hours of admission
Nursing Assessment	Not typical	Not typical
Clinical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct psychosocial services • Therapeutic milieu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct psychosocial services • High-intensity therapeutic milieu
Hours of Clinical Services	9-19 h/wk, available 7 d/wk	≥20 h/wk, available 7 d/wk
Recovery Support Services	Yes*	Yes*

* Directly or through formally affiliated provider ⁵³

Medically Managed Overview



	1.7	2.7	3.7	4
	Medically Managed Outpatient Treatment	Medically Managed Intensive Outpatient	Medically Managed Residential Treatment	Medically Managed Inpatient Treatment
Supervision	N/A	N/A	24-h supervision	24-h supervision
Medical Director	Yes†	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers	Available by appointment	Available on-site or via telehealth during program hours	Available on-site or via telehealth 24/7	Typically available on-site 24/7
Nursing	Variable	Yes	Available 24/7	Available 24/7
Program Director	Not typical	Yes	Yes	Variable
Allied Health Staff	Variable	Typically available	Typically available	Typically available
Physical Exam	Typically at initial assessment	Within 24-48 hours of initial assessment	Within 24 hours of admission	Within 24 hours of admission
Nursing Assessment	Variable	At admission	At Admission	At Admission
Clinical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct withdrawal management and biomedical services • Management of common psychiatric disorders • Psychosocial services* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct withdrawal management and biomedical services, with extended nurse monitoring • Management of common psychiatric disorders • Psychosocial services* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct withdrawal management and biomedical services • Management of common psychiatric disorders • Psychosocial services (direct or through formal affiliation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct withdrawal management and biomedical services (ICU available) • Psychiatric services • Psychosocial services (direct or through formal affiliation)
Clinical Service Hours	<9 h/wk	≥20 h/wk	≥20 h/wk	Variable
Recovery Services	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*

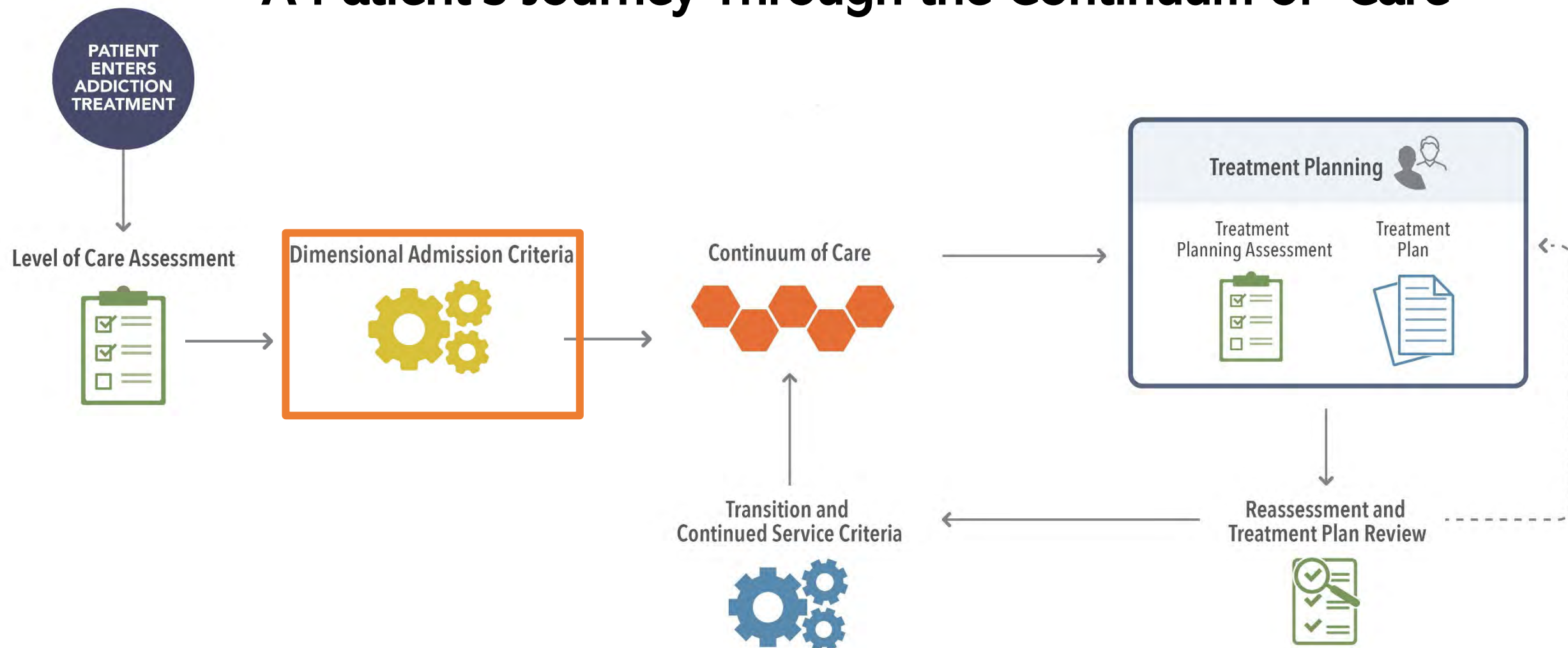
† may be the responsible physician in an independent practice; * Directly or through formally affiliated provider



Dimensional Admission Criteria

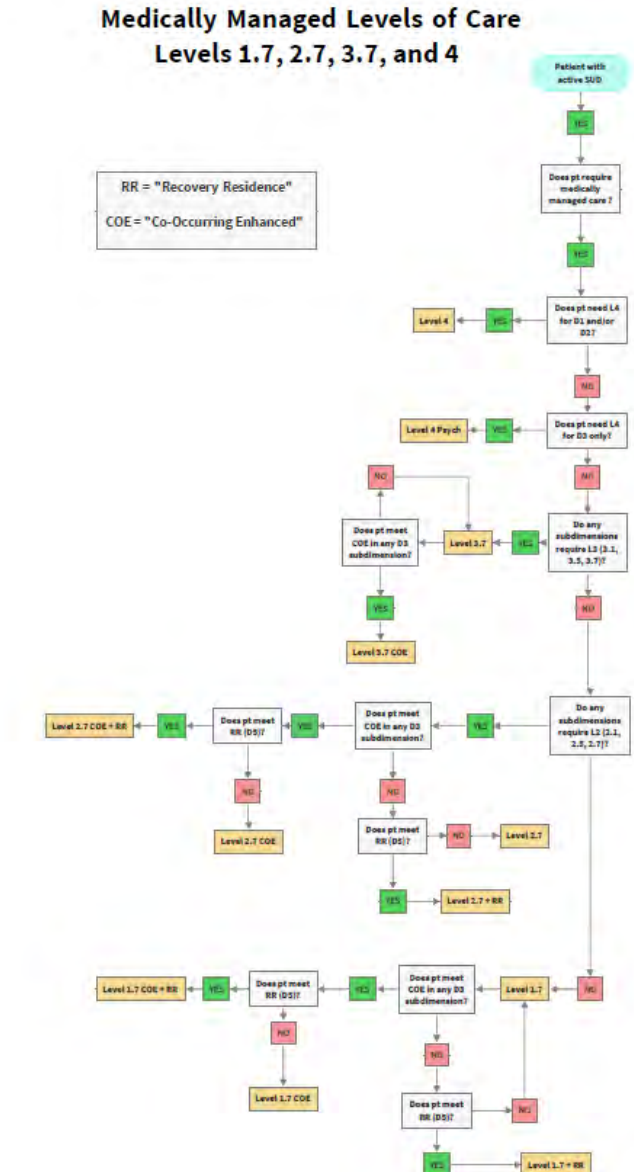


A Patient's Journey Through the Continuum of Care

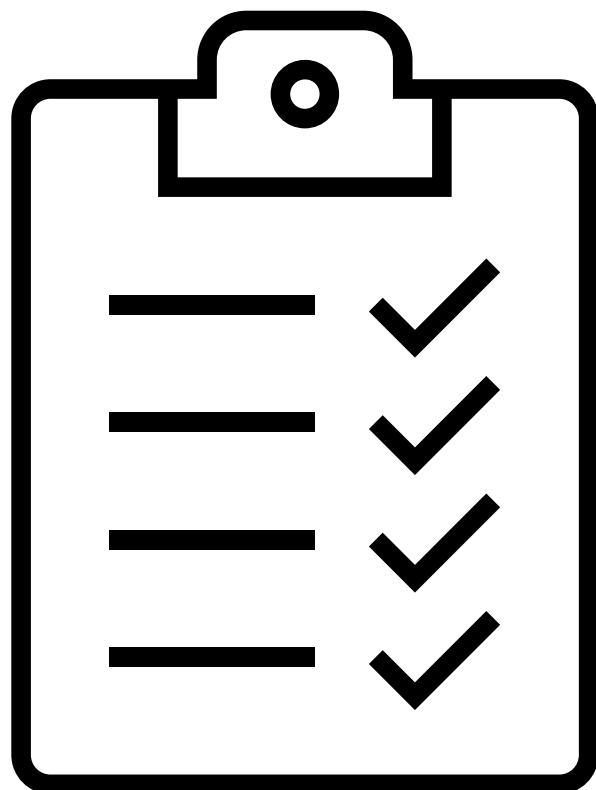


Dimensional Admission Criteria

- Applicable to patients with SUD
- Recommend the least restrictive or intensive level of care where the patient can be safely and effectively treated
- Algorithm-first development
- Dimensional Admission Criteria tied to risk ratings



Dimensional Admission Criteria



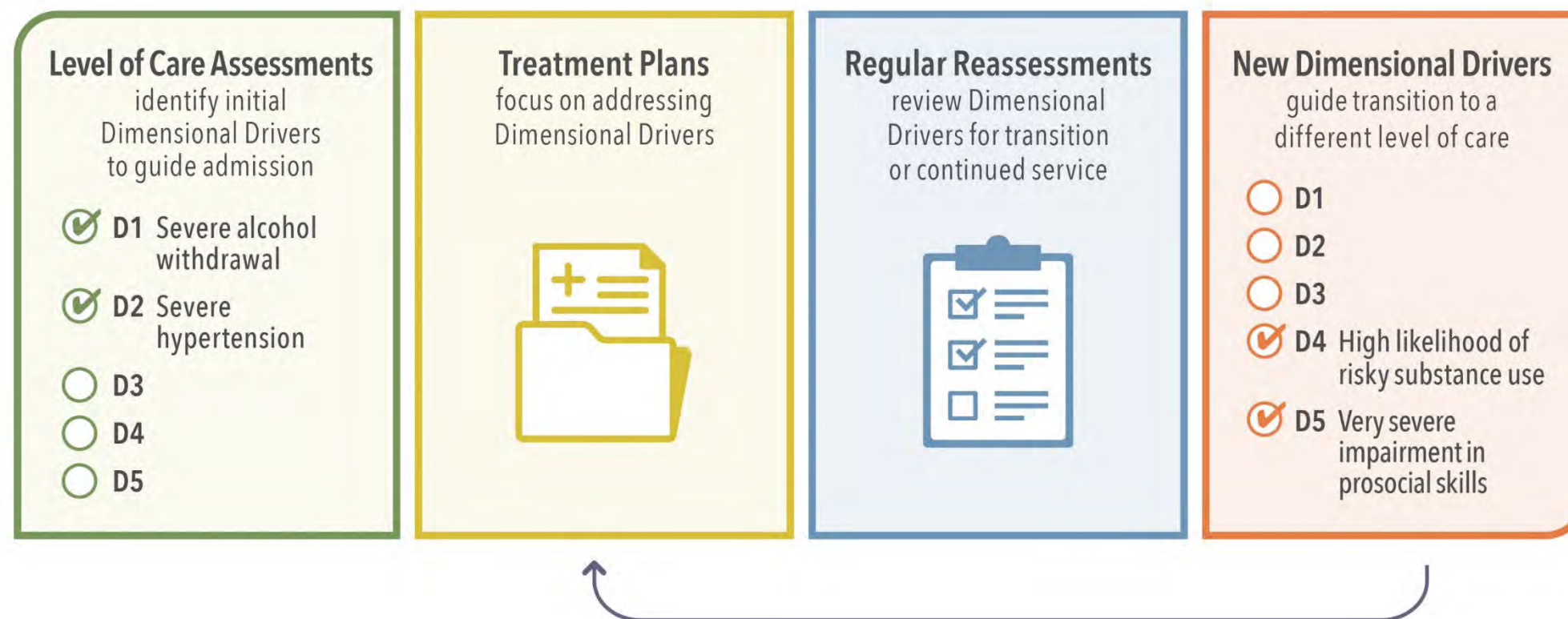
- Risk ratings in each subdimension are the foundation of the Dimensional admission criteria. For example:
 - Dimension 4 – Substance-Use Related Risks
 - Subdimension: Likelihood of engaging in risky substance use
 - Risk rating E = Minimum Level 3.5
 - The patient has a high likelihood of engaging in substance use with significant risk of serious harm or destabilizing loss.
 - AND
 - The patient requires 24-hour clinical support and supervision to prevent substance use while developing recovery-sustaining skills.

Dimensional Admission Criteria

- Clinicians assign a risk rating for each subdimension based on the associated clinical descriptions
- Level of care determination algorithm is used to identify recommended level of care

Subdimensions	Risk Rating
<i>Dimension 1: Intoxication, Withdrawal, and Addiction Medications</i>	
Intoxication and Associated Risks	ANY = Any Level of Care
Withdrawal and Associated Risks	1 = minimum Level 1.7
Addiction Medication Needs	A = Minimum 1.7
<i>Dimension 2: Biomedical Conditions</i>	
Physical Health Concerns	0 = No specific needs
Pregnancy-related Concerns	1 = minimum Level 1.7
<i>Dimension 3: Psychiatric and Cognitive Conditions</i>	
Active Psychiatric Symptoms	2A = minimum Level 2.5 COE
Persistent Disability	0 = No specific needs
<i>Dimension 4: Substance Use-related Risks</i>	
Likelihood of Engaging in Risky Substance Use	D = minimum Level 3.1
Likelihood of Engaging in Risky SUD-related Behaviors	0 = No specific needs
<i>Dimension 5: Recovery Environment Interactions</i>	
Ability to Function Effectively in Current Environment	B = minimum Level 2.5
Safety in Current Environment	A = minimum Recovery Residence
Support in Current Environment	A = minimum Recovery Residence

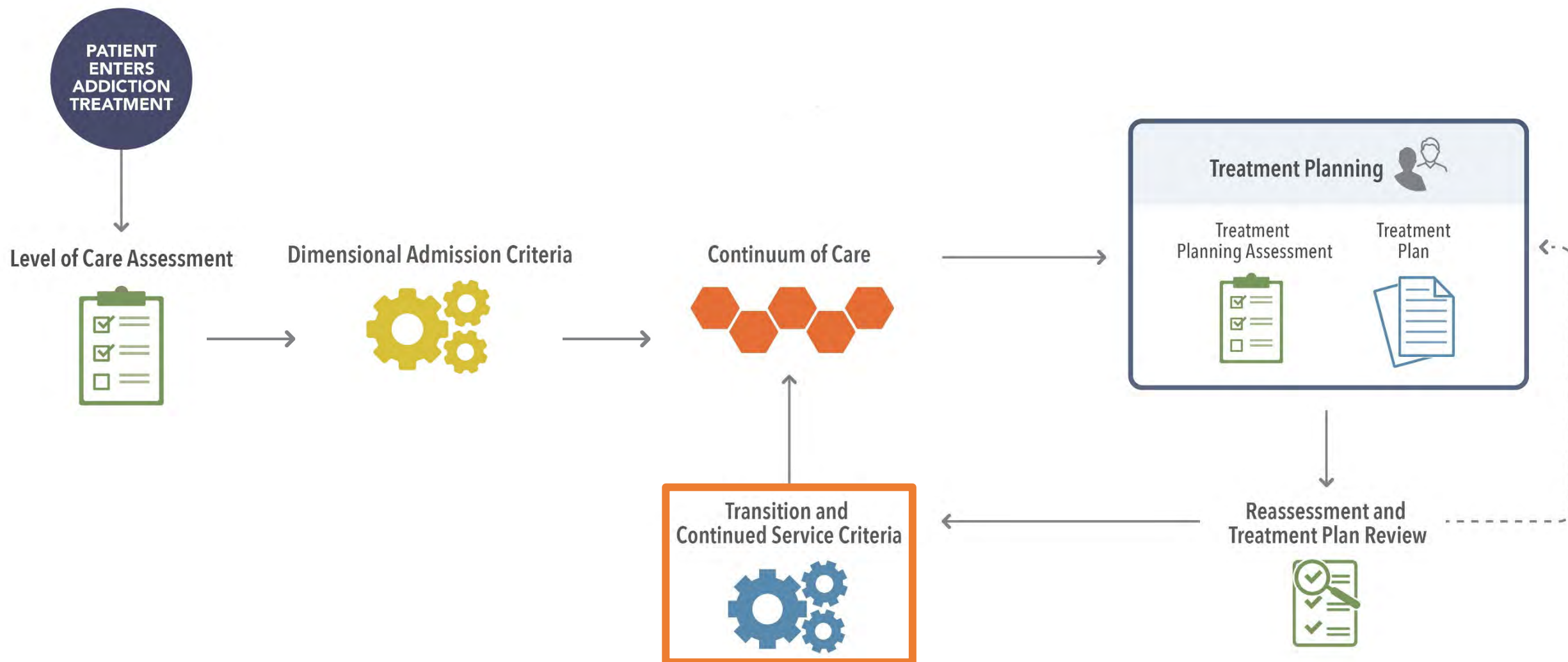
The ASAM Criteria Dimensional Drivers*



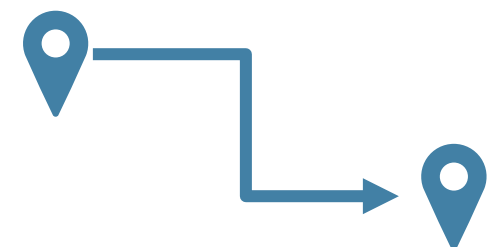
* The Dimensional Drivers presented in this figure are illustrative; Dimensional Drivers should be individualized to each patient.

Dimensional Drivers are the concerns that drive the recommendation for a specific level of care for an individual. They are concerns that cannot be safely and effectively managed in a less intensive level of care.

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Transition and Continued Service Criteria



- Criteria for continued service at the current level of care
 - Patient shows progress or progress is expected imminently based on factors such as increased engagement or adjustments to the treatment plan
- Criteria for transition to a more intensive level of care
 - Patient has failed to improve in a reasonable timeframe
 - Patient has worsened or new issues have emerged that meet criteria for a more intensive level of care
- Criteria for transition to a less intensive level of care
 - Dimensional drivers have stabilized such that the patient no longer meets the Dimensional Admission Criteria
 - Patient can be safely and effectively treated in a less intensive level of care

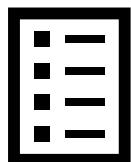
Level of Care Assessment

Patient Entering Addiction Treatment



Level of Care Assessment

Dimensions 1-5



Dimensional Admission Criteria



LOC recommendation



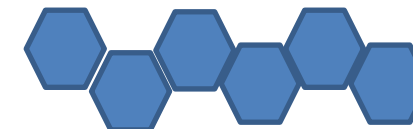
Dimension 6



LOC placement

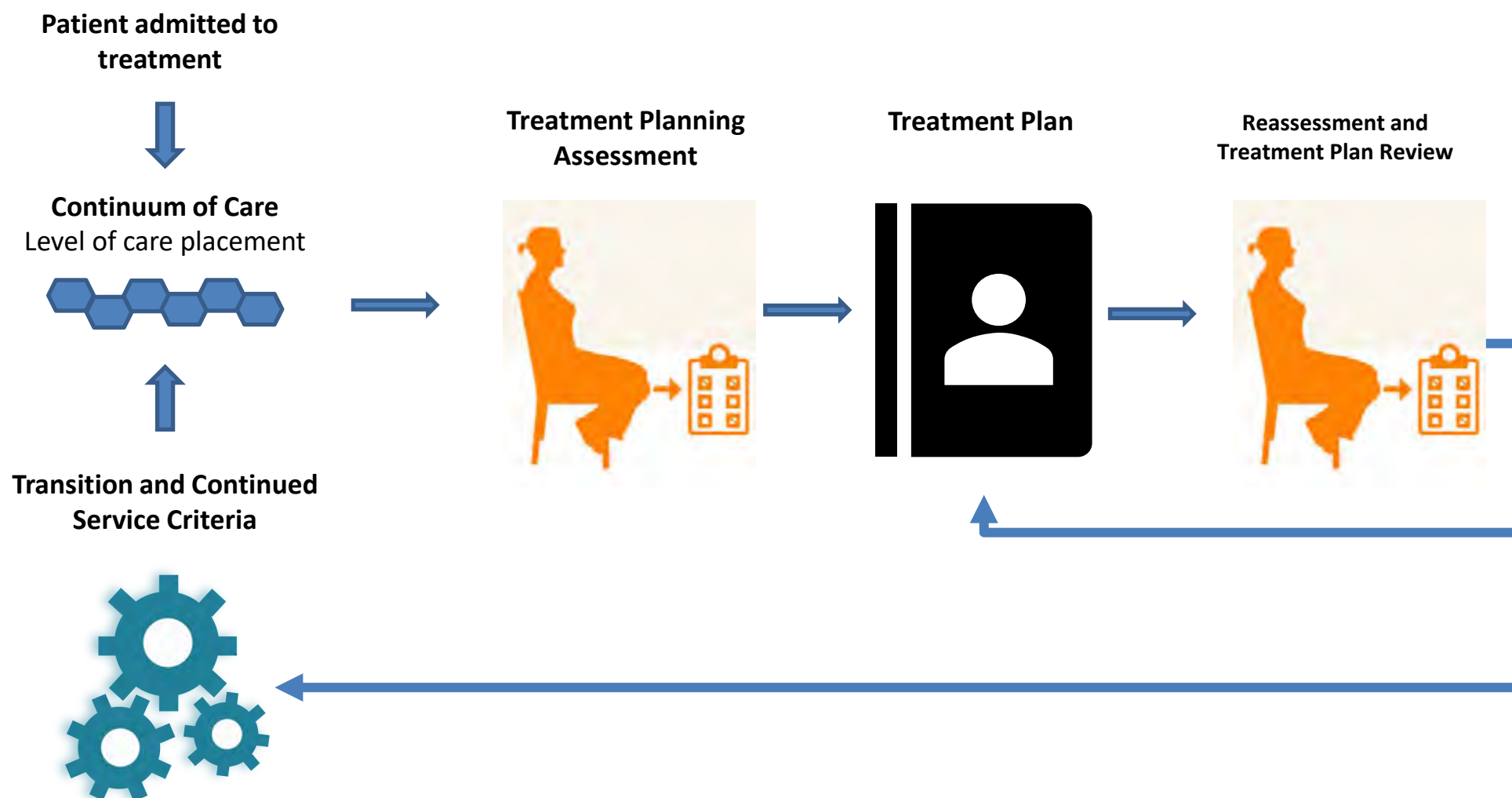


Continuum of Care



- Level of care recommendations are made based on assessment of Dimensions 1 -5
- Dimension 6 involves a shared decision-making process to determine where the patient is able and willing to engage in treatment

Treatment Planning Assessment



DEVELOPING A PLAN OF CARE also known as TREATMENT PLANNING



Treatment Planning



- Occurs soon after admission
 - May be delayed if the patient is too acutely ill to participate
- Collaborative process between clinicians and patients
 - May include family and support systems
- Focused on Dimensional drivers and patient priorities

Treatment Planning Principles

Individualized

Patient centered

Unconditional positive regard

Meet patients where they are

- Build upon patient strengths
- Respect autonomy and values
- Get patient buy in

Multidisciplinary Process

Treatment planning
should be led by
patient's primary
clinician

Dimensions 1 or 2
concerns that require
medical care should be
led by a medical
professional

Dimension 3 concerns
that require psychiatric
services should be led
by a mental health
professional

Building Therapeutic Alliance

- Personal bond made up of reciprocal positive feelings
- Agreement on treatment goals
- Agreement on objectives and action steps
- Trauma-sensitive and culturally humble approach
 - Treatment plans informed by patient's trauma history and cultural identities
 - Consider related vulnerabilities

Cultural humility: A process of entering a relationship with another person with the intention of honoring their beliefs, customs, and values. It entails an ongoing self-exploration and self-critique combined with a willingness to learn from others.

Treatment Planning Process

- Identify the problems in each Dimension/subdimension
 - Determine which are Dimensional Drivers
- Work with the patient to develop goals, objectives, and action steps that:
 - Address the Dimensional Drivers
 - Reflect the patient's priorities in their own words
 - Are meaningful to them
 - Objectives can realistically be addressed at the given level of care

Treatment Planning Process

- Integrates motivational interviewing to expand patient insight
- When identifying goals, objectives and action items, consider
 - Patient strengths
 - Need for motivational and harm reduction strategies
 - Availability of services and anticipated wait times
 - Care coordination needs
 - Past successes and challenges



A Patient's Journey Through the Continuum of Care

Patient Entering Addiction
Treatment



Level of Care
Assessment



Dimensional Admission
Criteria



Continuum of Care
Level of care placement



6. Transition and Continued Service
Criteria



Treatment Planning

Treatment Planning
Assessment



Treatment Plan



Reassessment and
Treatment Plan Review



Treatment Planning



- Clinicians works with patients to:
 - Identify any problems in each subdimension
 - Determine which are Dimensional Drivers
 - Develop goals, objectives, and action steps that:
 - Address the Dimensional Drivers
 - Reflect additional patient priorities
 - Are expressed in the patient's priorities own words
 - Can realistically be addressed at the given level of care

Reassessment and Treatment Plan Review



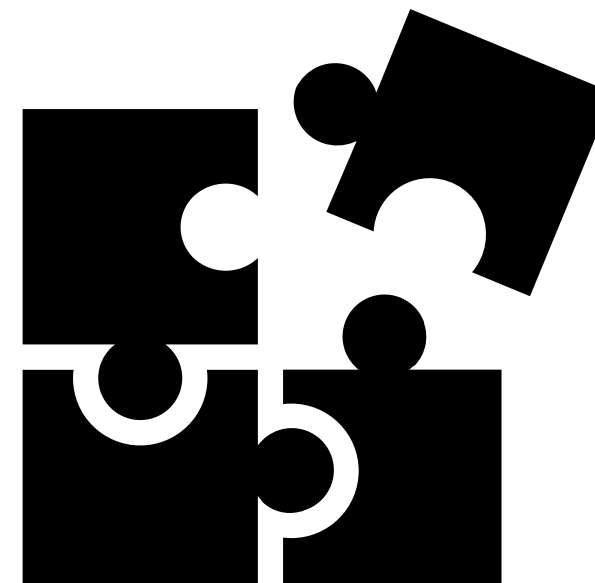
- Treatment planning is a continuous process
 - Which strategies are working? Which are not?
 - Does new information indicate need for different strategies?
- Determine when the patient should transition to more or less intensive level of care
- Adjust goals, objectives, and/or action items based on patient response to care

Plans of Care

- How will success be measured
- Contingency plans in case instability arises
- Safety planning
- Transition planning (beginning at admission)
 - Continuity of care
 - Dimension 5 or 6 concerns that may impact transition to a less intensive level

Care Coordination

- The treatment plan should be well coordinated with external providers
 - shared understanding of treatment plan goals
 - incorporate relevant services
 - Appointment reminders
 - Relevant psychoeducation
 - Motivational interventions
 - Adherence monitoring





Other Changes



New Content

- Treatment Planning (Chapter 9)
- Telehealth and Other Health Technologies (Chapter 13)
- Integrating Recovery Support Services (Chapter 15)
- Integrating Trauma-Sensitive Practices, Culturally Humble Care, and Social Determinants of Health (Chapter 16)
- Addressing Pain (Chapter 18)
- Addressing Cognitive Impairment (Chapter 19)

New Chapter on Treatment Planning

- Identify any problems in each subdimension
 - Determine which are Dimensional Drivers
- Clinicians works with patients to develop goals, objectives, and action steps that:
 - Address the Dimensional Drivers
 - Reflect additional patient priorities
 - Are expressed in the patient's priorities own words
 - Can realistically be addressed at the given level of care

Reassessment and Treatment Plan Review

- Treatment planning is a continuous process
 - Which strategies are working? Which are not?
 - Does new information indicate need for different strategies?
- Determine when the patient should transition to more or less intensive level of care
- Adjust goals, objectives, and/or action items based on patient response to care

Additional Volumes

Adolescent
and Transition
Age Youth

Correctional
Settings and
Reentry

Behavioral
Addictions

Implementation Tools

- Updating implementation tools
 - Training courses
 - ASAM Criteria software
 - Level of Care Certification program with CARF
 - ASAM Criteria Interview Assessment guide
- Developing new implementation tools
 - Standard medical necessity and continued service forms
 - Treatment planning template



Questions?

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- ASAM Annual Meeting
(Denver in April 2025!)
<http://www.asam.org>
- CSAM Annual Meeting
(San Diego Aug 2025!)
<http://csam-asam.org>
- AAP Annual Meeting
(Naples, FL Nov 2024!)
<http://www.aaap.org>

Discussions/Questions



“The opposite of addiction is not sobriety; the opposite of addiction is **connection.”**

- Johann Hari

References for Further Study



Training and consultation on The ASAM Criteria is available through the following designated training organizations:



ASAM American Society of
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Hazelden Betty Ford
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<https://elearning.asam.org/asam-criteria-education>



<https://discover.hazeldenbettyford.org/>



<https://shop.changecompanies.net/pages/asam-training>

