



Substance Use Disorder Information System

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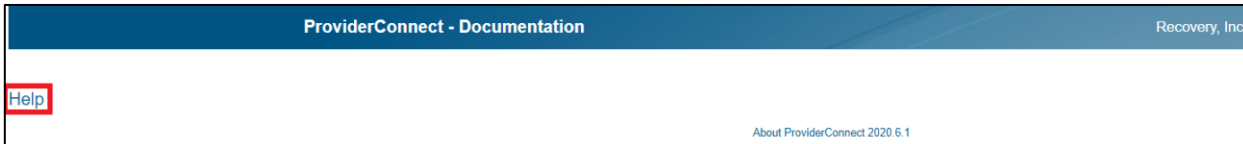
KPI Training Materials

SAPC Providers have access to a variety of training videos regarding KPI and other Sage functioning directly within the Sage-ProviderConnect application. SAPC will be continuously updating this section with relevant Sage training content for ease of access for all Sage users. Please see the steps below on how to access this documentation.

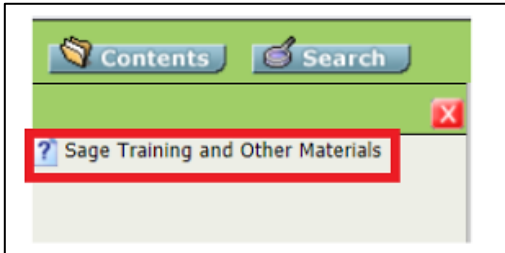
- 1) Log in to Sage ProviderConnect.
- 2) Click on **Documentation**.

Main Menu - Provider		
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- 3) Click the **Help** link.



- 4) Go to the upper left-hand corner and click on **Sage Training and Other Materials**.



- 5) Select desired training material under the sections: **Document** or **Videos**.



ASAM CONTINUUM Update

The ASAM CONTINUUM will be updated on Thursday, August 27, 2020. Details on the updates are listed below. Please note that these updates are applied directly by the ASAM CONTINUUM developers:

Version 3.1

Changes to the OTP (Opioid Treatment Programs, i.e., federally licensed methadone maintenance programs) and OTS (Opioid Treatment Services, including OBOT) assessment questions and decision logic:

- **Removal of tolerance and withdrawal requirements:** Current symptoms of tolerance and withdrawal are not required for OTP admission under federal regulations. Instead, the algorithm requires that a patient must have met DSM-5 criteria for opioid use disorder for at least one year prior to admission.
- **Exception for formerly incarcerated patients:** The General Information section now asks whether the patient has been released from a penal institution in the past six months (rather than the past 14 days), or will soon be released; and the “Opioids and a Controlled Environment” section has been removed since tolerance and withdrawal symptoms are no longer required for OTP admission.
- **Exception for pregnant patients:** Recent opioid use is no longer required for OTP admission. The decision logic has been updated to reflect current requirements of confirmed pregnancy and an active DSM-5 diagnosis of opioid use disorder.
- **Exception for previously treated patients:** OTP readmissions no longer include the requirement that a patient must have previously been prescribed an opioid withdrawal protocol. Instead, patients can simply have received treatment from an OTP within the past two years. CONTINUUM’s decision logic has been updated to reflect this change.
- The decision logic has also been updated to ensure that since OTP is a subset of Opioid Treatment Services, all patients who meet OTP will also receive a Final Level of Care recommendation for OTS.

Updates to the On-screen Numbering System:

- The new item numbering system will facilitate communication between assessment users and technical support staff regarding specific questions, even if the question sequence changes over time. It also will identify the source of questions whose content or format is drawn from other validated instruments (*e.g., Addiction Severity Index, CIWA – Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment for Alcohol, CINA – Clinical Institute Narcotic Assessment*).