

## ASAM Assessment Requirements for Level of Care Transitions

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- **Member Authorizations**
  - Service Authorizations within Sage are required for all levels of care and Recovery Bridge Housing (RBH). See [Checklist of Required Documents](#)
- **Inter- and Intra-Agency Transfers**
  - The table below of ASAM assessment requirements applies to all patient transfers both between agencies (inter-agency transfers) and within agencies (intra-agency transfers), unless stated otherwise in the “Requirement of New ASAM Assessment” column.
  - For transfers within agencies (intra-agency transfers), the table below of ASAM assessment requirements applies to all changes in treatment site/location within the same agency.
    - If transition/step down occurs within an existing residential authorization period, UM will only issue remainder of current authorization period. A new service authorization request and progress note must be submitted.
- **ASAM Reassessments**
  - Information/data gathered from ASAM CONTINUUM Comprehensive Assessment is required to be pulled forward for re-assessments to improve efficiencies for re- assessments. If information is pulled forward from prior assessments into re-assessments, the re-assessments should include modified and updated information from prior assessments.
- **Eligibility Verification and Member Authorizations** see [Eligibility Verification and Member Authorizations](#) for details

Initial Level of care (LOC)	LOC Transition	Requirement of New ASAM Assessment
Any non-OTP LOC	OTP	Required
OTP Detox (Not part of DMC)	OTP	Required
OTP	OTP (between all intra and inter agencies)	Required
	Any LOC	Required
Withdrawal Management (1-WM, 2- WM, 3.2-WM, 3.7-WM, 4-WM)	1.0, 2.1	Intra-agency: Required (if ASAM was not completed during WM admission) Inter-agency: Required
	3.1, 3.3, 3.5	Required

Residential (3.1, 3.3, 3.5)	Any higher residential LOC (e.g., 3.1 to 3.3/3.5, 3.5 to 3.3)	Required
	Same LOC (e.g., 3.1 to 3.1)	Intra-agency: Not required* Inter-agency: Required
	Lower Residential LOC (e.g., 3.5 to 3.1, 3.3 to 3.5)	Intra-agency: Not required* Inter-agency: Required
	2.1, 1.0	Intra-agency: Not required* Inter-agency: Required
Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient (1.0, 2.1)	Any residential LOC	Required
	Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient (e.g., 1.0 to 2.1)	Intra-agency: Not required* Inter-agency: Required
Initial Engagement	Any LOC	Required
Early intervention 0.5	Any LOC	Required

\*However, performing new ASAM assessment in these instances is considered best practice

\*\*Transition is considered 14 days between each episode