

ASAM CONTINUUM™ to SAPC Level of Care Crosswalk

Developed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC)

IF CONTINUUM™ RECOMMENDS THIS ASAM LEVEL OF CARE	THEN REFER THE PATIENT TO THIS EQUIVALENT LEVEL OF CARE WITHIN LA COUNTY (SAPC) SYSTEM	
Level 0.5 – Early Intervention	For Youth (age 12 – 17) and Young Adults (age 18 – 20) → ASAM 1.0-AR (“At-Risk”)	
	For Adults (age 21 and above) → Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) by primary care provider	
Level 1 – Outpatient Treatment	Level 1 Outpatient Treatment	
Level 2.1 – Intensive Outpatient Treatment	Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient Treatment	
Level 2.5 – Partial Hospitalization Treatment	<i>Level 2.5 – Partial Hospitalization Treatment is NOT available</i>	<p><u>Considerations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For cases where clinical judgment determines a patient can achieve recovery at a less intensive level of care → Consider Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient Treatment For cases where clinical judgment determines a patient will need a more intensive level of care to achieve recovery → Consider Level 3.1 – Low-Intensity Residential Treatment
Level 3.1 – Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Treatment	<p style="text-align: center;">Level 3.1 – Low-Intensity Residential Treatment</p> <p><u>Considerations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there’s a need for MAT → Consider a residential treatment facility that offers MAT and has Incidental Medical Services (IMS) approval from the State If clinical judgment determines that a patient can be safely managed at a less intensive level of care, but has challenges related to living environment → Consider referral to Level 2.1 in conjunction with Recovery Bridge Housing 	
Level 3.3 – Clinically Managed Population-specific, High-Intensity Residential Treatment	<p style="text-align: center;">Level 3.3 – High-Intensity, Population-Specific Residential Treatment</p> <p><u>Considerations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there’s a need for MAT → Consider a residential treatment facility that offers MAT and has Incidental Medical Services (IMS) approval from the State 	
Level 3.5 – Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Treatment	<p style="text-align: center;">Level 3.5 – High-Intensity, Non-Population-Specific Residential Treatment</p> <p><u>Considerations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there’s a need for MAT → Consider a residential treatment facility that offers MAT and has Incidental Medical Services (IMS) approval from the State 	
Level 3.7 – Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient Services	<i>Level 3.7 – Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient is NOT available</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Consider Level 3.7-WM – Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management</p> <p><u>Considerations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If patient does not need acute withdrawal management → Consider referral to a residential level of care with Incidental Medical Services (IMS) approval from the State to allow for the offering of MAT If patient does need WM, but does not need medically managed services → Consider Level 3.2-WM with Incidental Medical Services (IMS) approval from the State to allow for the offering of MAT

Level 4 – Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Services	<i>Level 4 – Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient is NOT available</i>	Consider Level 4-WM – Medically Managed Inpatient Withdrawal Management Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If patient does not need acute withdrawal management → Consider referral to a residential level of care with Incidental Medical Services (IMS) approval from the State to allow for the offering of MAT If patient does need WM, but does not need medically managed services → Consider Level 3.2-WM with Incidental Medical Services (IMS) approval from the State to allow for the offering of MAT
Level 1-WM – Ambulatory Withdrawal Management without Extended On-Site Monitoring	Level 1-WM – Ambulatory Withdrawal Management Without Extended On-Site Monitoring	
Level 2-WM – Ambulatory Withdrawal Management with Extended On-Site Monitoring	<i>Level 2-WM – Ambulatory Withdrawal Management with Extended On-Site Monitoring is NOT available</i>	Consider Level 3.2-WM – Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management, with Incidental Medical Services (IMS) approval from the State to allow for the offering of MAT
Level 3.2-WM – Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management	Level 3.2-WM – Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there is a need for MAT → Consider a residential WM facility that offers MAT and has Incidental Medical Services (IMS) approval from the State If there is a need for medical services due to WM → Consider referrals to Level 3.7-WM – Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management 	
Level 3.7-WM – Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management	Level 3.7-WM – Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management	
Level 4-WM – Medically Managed Inpatient Withdrawal Management	Level 4-WM – Medically Managed Inpatient Withdrawal Management	
Level OTS –Opioid Treatment Services	Level 1-OTP <i>(This OTP level of care is offered in combination with all other LOCs)</i>	
No Level	Recovery Bridge Housing	
No Level	Recovery Support Services	

Key:

- MAT = Medications for Addiction Treatment
- OTP = Opioid Treatment Program
- WM = Withdrawal Management

NOTE: Level of care placement decisions should be led by a combination of patient choice and the professional judgment of SUD health care providers. After placing the patient in treatment, remember to go back into the ASAM CONTINUUM to complete the REVIEW section. If placing the patient in a SAPC level of care that differs from the ASAM CONTINUUM recommendation – it is essential to record the reason for the different placement in a Miscellaneous Note.