

Modification to Approved Training on ASAM Criteria

Effective January 1, 2020, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs will expand its approved curriculum to include online training through [The Change Companies' ASAM Criteria 2013 Edition E-learning modules](#). This newly approved training will be in addition to the already approved two-day in-person training on *The ASAM Criteria, 2013*. At that time, both training options will satisfy DDAP's training requirement.

Important notes regarding these changes:

- Individuals currently registered for a Train for Change two-day *ASAM Criteria, 2013* Skill Building classroom training, must fulfill their commitment to that training. **De-registering from a currently scheduled two-day classroom training to take the online course in 2020 is prohibited. Course certificates for those individuals will not be honored.** Additionally, the training hosts for these scheduled in-person trainings may charge cancellation fees, payable by the agency/individual. These include:
 - Bethlehem, PA July 24 & 25, 2019
 - Allentown, PA July 30 & 31, 2019
- Due to the ease of access and cost effectiveness of the E-Learning Module subscriptions, it will be the responsibility of the individual and/or their employer to coordinate and absorb associated costs of this training option.
- The Change Companies offers two payment modalities.
 - One payment method consists of a \$25 per module, per person fee. There are three modules, so the access fee is \$75 per individual. The registrant has 15 days from the time of registration to complete all three modules.
 - The second payment method involves a flat yearly fee of \$2000. This would allow for 26-50 people to participate in the web based training at their own pace and would expire after one year.
 - Text books may be purchased separately through the Change Companies.
- For either *ASAM Criteria, 2013* training options, Single County Authorities (SCAs) may financially support their area providers with this training expense at their discretion and based upon the availability of funds. SCAs that have questions about the use of DDAP funds for *The ASAM Criteria, 2013* trainings should contact their program officer in DDAP's County Program Oversight Section.
- Certificates are available for each of *The ASAM Criteria, 2013* training options. It is the responsibility of the individual and/or their employer to maintain those certificates for proof of course completion.
- Certificates for online trainings completed prior to January 1, 2020, will not be recognized as valid for meeting DDAP requirements.