

June 22, 2022

To the Members of the ASAM Criteria 4th Edition Update Committee,

On February 14, 2022, the Bleeding Disorders Substance Use and Mental Health Access Coalition (the Coalition) submitted a stakeholder feedback survey to American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) regarding potential changes to the ASAM Criteria. In follow-up to this submission, Dr. Corey Waller graciously met with us on February 23, 2022. During this meeting he expressed a willingness to clarify the language for level 3 residential facilities to ensure better access for bleeding disorder (BD) patients. Dr. Waller requested that the Coalition develop materials that will serve as the basis of the guideline changes and support the facilities as they admit patients with bleeding disorders. The Coalition has drafted the following documents in response to this request:

1. Background on barriers to addiction treatment faced by the BD community: a document providing ASAM with information about the community and the barriers faced;
2. Assessing the stability of a BD patient: information regarding the recommended approach to assessing the stability of a BD patient;
3. Assessment questions: questions an addiction treatment facility could use to assess the appropriateness of prospective patients with BD for admission;
4. Draft stability letter: draft letter from the hemophilia treatment center (HTC) to the addiction treatment facility regarding the stability of a BD patient;
5. BD basics: a concise educational sheet about bleeding disorders for addiction treatment facility staff; and
6. Draft policies and procedures: policies and procedures relevant to the bleeding disorders population that an addiction treatment facility could adopt.

All of these materials have been reviewed by and have the support of the National Hemophilia Foundation's Medical and Scientific Advisory Council (MASAC). MASAC's letter of support is attached.

We are grateful for the opportunity to engage with ASAM during this revision process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Bazinsky, Chair of the Bleeding Disorders Substance Use and Mental Health Access Coalition at 202-550-5758 or kbazinsky@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

The Bleeding Disorders Substance Use and Mental Health Access Coalition