

Figure 1. ASAM Levels of Care

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Level 0.5: Early Intervention

- Assessment and educational services specific to individuals who are at risk for developing a SUD
- Services may include Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment, driving under the influence/while intoxicated programs

Level 1: Outpatient Services

- < 9 hours/weekly for adults, < 6 hours/weekly for adolescents for recovery or motivational enhancement therapies

Level 2: Intensive Outpatient Services or Partial Hospitalization

- 2.1: Intensive Outpatient Services (≥ 9 hours/weekly for adults, ≥ 6 hours/weekly for adolescents to treat multidimensional instability)
- 2.5: Partial Hospitalization Services (≥ 20 hours/weekly, but not requiring 24-hour care for adults and adolescents to treat multidimensional instability)

Level 3: Residential or Inpatient Services

- 3.1: Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Services
- 3.3: Clinically Managed Population-Specific High-Intensity Residential Services for adults only (no adolescent equivalent)
- 3.5: Clinically Managed Residential Services (high intensity for adults, medium intensity for adolescents)
- 3.7: Medically Monitored High-Intensity Inpatient Services

Level 4: Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Services

- 24-hour nursing care and daily physician care, with counseling available for engaging both adult and adolescent patients