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ASAM Receives SAMHSA Award to Lead National Training Program on Substance Use Disorder Treatment

ROCKVILLE, Md. – The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) has received a three-year cooperative agreement from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to lead the Providers Clinical Support System – Substance Use Disorder Treatment (PCSS-SUD Treatment) program. The national project will train healthcare professionals in general health and behavioral health settings to identify and treat substance use disorders, including opioid and alcohol use disorders, and strengthen the clinical workforce's capacity to care for individuals with addiction.

"ASAM is honored to be selected by SAMHSA to implement the PCSS-SUD Treatment program," said Stephen M. Taylor, MD, president of ASAM. "We look forward to helping healthcare professionals across all settings gain the knowledge, tools, and confidence to treat substance use disorders and support patients on their path to recovery."

The three-year program will provide comprehensive training for all substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder, alcohol use disorder, and stimulant use disorder, as well as new and emerging substances. Education will be delivered through online modules, live webinars and case-based discussions, mentoring, consultative services, and other innovative training formats, creating a centralized educational hub for healthcare professionals seeking practical, evidence-based information on substance use disorder treatment and prevention.

As the administrator for the 2023-2026 PCSS-Medications for Alcohol Use Disorder program, ASAM successfully trained more than 32,000 healthcare professionals in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of alcohol use disorder. ASAM will build on the existing library of alcohol use disorder trainings and expand its offerings with additional education on other substance use disorders under the new PCSS-SUD Treatment program.

"Most Americans living with substance use disorder do not receive the evidence-based treatment they need," added Dr. Taylor. "Strengthening our healthcare workforce's ability to deliver quality addiction treatment is a necessary step to close this treatment gap and connect patients with lifesaving care."

Read SAMHSA's press release on the award [here](#).

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About the American Society of Addiction Medicine

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), founded in 1954, is a professional medical society representing over 8,000 physicians, clinicians, and associated professionals in the field of addiction medicine. ASAM is dedicated to increasing access and improving the quality of addiction treatment, educating physicians and the public, supporting research and prevention, and promoting the appropriate role of physicians in the care of patients with addiction. For more information, visit www.ASAM.org.