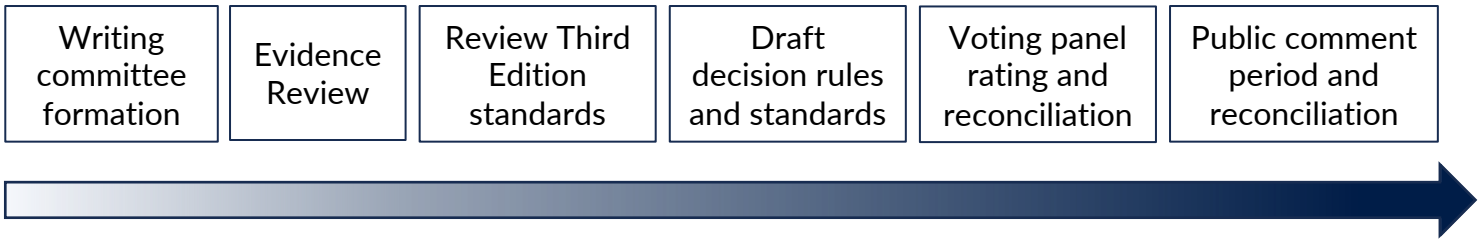
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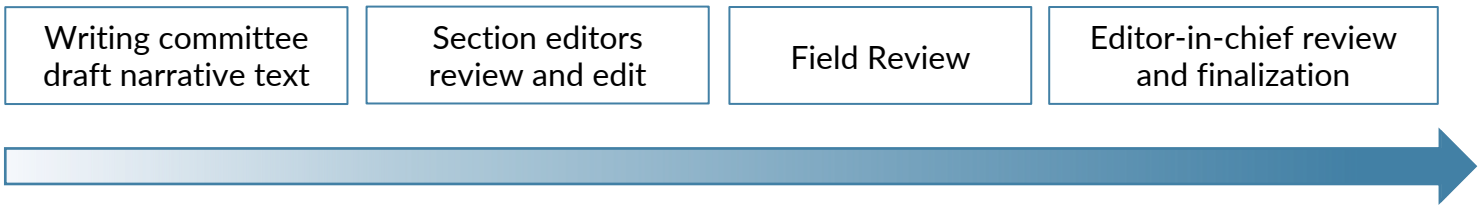
ASAM Criteria Fourth Edition Development Process

The update of *The ASAM Criteria* went through a rigorous and responsible process involving 18 committees and structured literature reviews for each committee, as well as an analysis of the challenges involved with on-the-ground implementations. A modified Delphi process was used, with separate voting panels. In addition, an extended public comment period was incorporated into the process, allowing for widespread feedback and input. Finally, the process involved committee and board approval, ensuring that the updated Criteria were thoroughly vetted and approved at all stages of development.

Decision Rules and Standards Development:



Narrative Development:



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Stakeholder Outreach

Nearly 3000 comments addressed

274 unique organizations & individuals for targeted outreach

- 61 Directors of Single State Agencies + NASADAD
- 52 State Medicaid Directors + NAMD
- 51 Allied Organizations
- 37 ASAM State Chapter Presidents
- 23 Payers
- 21 Organizations representing diverse clinical experts
- 18 Federal Agencies
- 7 Patients, People in Recovery, PWUD Organizations
- 4 Justice Involved Agencies

Public Comment Period #1
Initial Thoughts on 3rd Edition

35 Organizations	224 Commenters	1504 Comments

Public Comment Period #2
Proposed Major Changes

55 Organizations	135 Commenters	461 Comments

Public Comment Period #3
Proposed Standards and Decision Rules

51 Organizations	102 Commenters	906 Comments

7 Payers, 4 Policy Makers, 12 Treatment Programs, 31 Providers and More!

>87k recipients of non-targeted email outreach

Governance and Oversight

The ASAM Criteria decision rules and standards were developed by 18 writing committees with input from the voting panel and multiple public comment periods under the oversight of The ASAM criteria Editorial Team. The ASAM Criteria Strategy Steering Committee and ASAM's Quality Improvement Council approved these decision rules and standards, and ASAM's Board of Directors approved the Major changes from the Third Edition.



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