

Dear Colleagues:

Effective July 1, 2011, the updated [Part 822 General Service Standards / Regulation for Chemical Dependence Outpatient \(822-4\) and Opioid Treatment Programs \(822-5\)](#) went into effect for all OASAS-certified outpatient and opioid treatment programs. These regulations were developed in consultation with various provider groups, combine service standards of outpatient and opioid services and implement the newly established Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) payment methodology.

STEP ONE:

As a first step in the effort to support the Provider community OASAS is announcing:

1. Site Review Instruments (SRI) for Outpatient (822-4) and Opioid (822-5) Programs:

On- Line availability of Site Review Instruments (SRI) for both Outpatient (822-4) and Opioid (822-5) Treatment Programs. The SRI is a tool used by the OASAS Program Review Unit to determine a program's level of regulatory compliance. Providers have utilized the SRI as a way to measure their own program's level of compliance as well as to gauge how well the regulations are integrated into day-to-day operations of the provider.

2. 822-4FAQ Document:

Additionally, a Part 822-4 Outpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Portal has been built and posted to the OASAS Website. The FAQs are based upon provider inquiries that OASAS has received since the July 1 regulatory implementation date. The FAQ portal may be searched using: areas of the site review instrument; and/or, key search words. The FAQs will be updated on a regular basis. Though currently based on Outpatient Programs, the FAQ Portal can be searched to answer questions that apply to both Opioid and Outpatient Programs. Both the SRI's and FAQ Portal can be found at the following link:

<http://www.oasas.ny.gov/mis/forms/reg/822/part822.cfm>

STEP TWO:

Additionally, over the next few weeks while Providers are acclimating themselves to the new SRI's, OASAS will finalize the corresponding web-based 822-4 Outpatient and 822-5 Opioid Treatment Program trainings. The trainings: will be posted to the OASAS Website in video format; will review the SRI question by question; discuss the regulatory requirements of each question; and, provide additional information where appropriate. The web-based format ensures that providers and their staff members will be able to view and

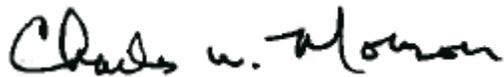
review the training at any time. The trainings have been approved for credentialing hours (3.0 hrs. for each SRI training completed).

Please be watching the “News and Notices” section of the OASAS Homepage for when these trainings become available.

If you need any further information, please contact the Technical Assistance Mailbox at TechnicalAssist@oasas.ny.gov.

We sincerely hope that you will find these tools useful and accessible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles W. Monson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and 'M'.

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