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**SENATE BILL 5361**

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**State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Dhingra, Robinson, and Nobles; by request of Office of Financial Management

AN ACT Relating to delaying the use of the ASAM 4 criteria, treatment criteria for addictive, substance related, and co-occurring conditions; and amending RCW 71.24.619 and 48.43.764.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**Sec.**  RCW 71.24.619 and 2024 c 366 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

When updated versions of the ASAM Criteria, treatment criteria for addictive, substance related, and co-occurring conditions, inclusive of adolescent and transition age youth versions, are published by the American society of addiction medicine, the health care authority and the office of the insurance commissioner shall jointly determine whether to use the updated version, and, if so, the date upon which the updated version must begin to be used by medicaid managed care organizations, carriers, and other relevant entities. Both agencies shall post notice of their decision on their websites. For purposes of the ASAM Criteria, 4th edition, medicaid managed care organizations and carriers shall begin to use the updated criteria no later than January 1, ((~~2026~~)) 2028, unless the health care authority and the office of the insurance commissioner jointly determine that it should not be used.

**Sec.**  RCW 48.43.764 and 2024 c 366 s 11 are each amended to read as follows:

When updated versions of the ASAM Criteria, treatment criteria for addictive, substance related, and co-occurring conditions, inclusive of adolescent and transition age youth versions, are published by the American society of addiction medicine, the health care authority and the office of the insurance commissioner shall jointly determine whether to use the updated version, and, if so, the date upon which the updated version must begin to be used by medicaid managed care organizations, carriers, and other relevant entities. Both agencies shall post notice of their decision on their websites. For purposes of the ASAM Criteria, 4th edition, medicaid managed care organizations and carriers shall begin to use the updated criteria no later than January 1, ((~~2026~~)) 2028, unless the health care authority and the office of the insurance commissioner jointly determine that it should not be used.

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