

Addiction Severity Index

Differential Assessment for Substance Abusing Adults

Policy: All WSC providers will use the ASI self-report or ASI interview format to assess adults for level of care.

Procedures:

1. ADAD has approved the reformatting of the required Addiction Severity Index (ASI) to a self-report instrument. It is a thorough psychosocial history with ASI components built into the body of the document.
 - a. Clients are asked to fill out the document prior to meeting with their clinician for the initial intake, filling in the answers with significant others whenever possible, and providing as much paper information as possible so more interview time will be available with the clinician. Objections to the length of the document are handled by explaining that this saves clinical time and enables the clinician to learn important information prior to the first meeting, thus decreasing clinical time and expense.
 - b. During the initial interview the clinician thoroughly reviews the completed ASI with the client. *It must be obvious in chart notes that the ASI is a working document and that individualized treatment planning is facilitated by the ASI information.* Simply filing the completed ASI in the chart with no clinical interaction regarding its contents is unacceptable.
 - c. Clean copies or disks for reproduction may be obtained from Sandy Roberts, 970-725-3614.
2. Clinicians may use the original interview format if desired. Copies may be obtained from Sandy Roberts.
3. All adult charts must contain completed ASIs, with notes by the clinician, and the treatment plan must reflect information gathered on the ASI.
4. Level of care decisions must be made using information gathered on the ASI.