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Prior to the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 823, the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver Standard Terms and Conditions (STCs) required licensed adult alcohol or other drug recovery or treatment (AOD) facilities participating in the waiver to deliver care consistent with the ASAM treatment criteria. The STCs also required DHCS to develop a process to assign participating AOD facilities a provisional level of care (LOC) designation referred to as DHCS ASAM LOC Designation(s).

SB 823 enacted California Health and Safety Code Section 11834.015, requiring DHCS to adopt the ASAM treatment criteria or an equivalent evidence-based standard as the minimum standard of care for all licensed AOD facilities. In an effort to meet program requirements set forth by SB 823 to ensure that all licensed AOD facilities are capable of delivering care consistent with the ASAM treatment criteria, DHCS developed the DHCS LOC Designation program. The DHCS LOC Designation(s) program supersedes the former DHCS ASAM LOC Designation(s) program and now applies to all licensed AOD facilities. All DHCS LOC Designation program information can be found on the [DHCS LOC Designation](#) webpage. Previous DHCS ASAM LOC Designation webpage information has been archived on the DHCS LOC Designation webpage under the resources tab.

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