

## Medical Necessity Criteria

### Outpatient Services Assessment for Safe and Appropriate Placement (ASAP)

Fire Setters and Sexual Offending Evaluation and **Assessment for Safe and Appropriate Placement (ASAP)** is required by MGL 119 Sec. 33B.

ASAP is an assessment conducted by an ASAP-qualified Diagnostician who has specialized training and experience in the evaluation and treatment of youth who engage in sexual-offending or fire-setting behaviors. ASAPs are only for youth in the care and custody of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) who meet the admission criteria.

#### Criteria

##### Admission Criteria

ASAP is exclusively reserved for youth in the care and custody of DCF who are being initially placed into foster care, a family home-care setting, or a community group home setting.

**One** of the following criteria must be met:

1. The youth has been adjudicated delinquent for a sexual offense or the commission of arson and have admitted to such behavior.
2. The youth is the subject of a documented or substantiated report of a sexual offense or the commission of arson.
3. The youth is currently in a foster home, group home, or independent living program and exhibits sexual offending and/or fire-setting behaviors that were not previously known to DCF.

##### Psychosocial, Occupational, and Cultural and Linguistic Factors

*These factors may change the risk assessment and should be considered when making level of care decisions.*

##### Exclusion Criteria

**Any** one of the following is sufficient for exclusion for this level of care:

1. The youth is currently placed in a residential facility or is transitioning from a residential facility to a less-restrictive setting.
2. The youth is being discharged from an acute, 24-hour inpatient psychiatric facility, a Community-Based Acute Treatment (CBAT) program, Community-Based Acute Treatment for ASD/ID (CBAT ASD/ID) program, or Intensive Community-Based Acute Treatment (ICBAT) program to a restrictive setting such as a residential treatment facility.

##### Continued Stay Criteria

Not applicable

##### Discharge Criteria

Not applicable