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Shane E. Pendergrass - Chair  
Health & Government Operations Committee  
House Office Building, Room 241  
6 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Ms. Pendergrass:

My understanding is that there is a bill before the legislature that mandates the hub and spoke model of treatment for opioid use disorders, but, in elucidating MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) options for follow-up after detoxification, excludes MAT options other than Suboxone.

The full range of MAT options should be recognized as being equally valid alternatives, with the choice being made in a collaborative process between the patient and the clinical judgment of the treatment provider.

Any other arrangement that gives preference a priori to one MAT option versus another, violates current standards of practice.



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