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House Health Committee

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House Bill 1162 – Correctional Services – Medication–Assisted Treatment
Funding

Support with Amendments

House Bill 1162 proposes to modify the authorized uses of Maryland’s Opioid Restitution Fund (ORF) and require the ORF be used to fund Maryland’s 24 jurisdictions “equal to the costs incurred by the county for the implementation of a certain medication–assisted treatment (MAT) program.” This action would override the established uses of Opioid Restitution Fund dollars as defined in Maryland’s [State Finance Article §7-331](#). It would also conflict with court-defined provisions and restrictions of Opioid Settlement Fund uses specified in the [2021 Exhibit E-Final Distributor Settlement Agreement](#).

The Maryland ORF mirrors Exhibit E, and includes financial support of numerous life-saving community-based treatment, prevention and recovery efforts, in addition to funding MAT in correctional settings.

While MATOD has repeatedly supported increased funding of MAT in corrections as required by HB 116 from 2019, MATOD opposes the use of ORF dollars because it would:

- Significantly deplete the ORF’s ability to fund community-based prevention, treatment and recovery programs;
- Abdicate the need for Local Health Departments, as well as local and state Correctional facilities to budget for and fund MAT services for incarcerated individuals with Opioid Use Disorder; and
- Disregard the multiple funding responsibilities outlined in Exhibit E and numerous evidence-based recommendations, including from the [Johns Hopkins School of Public Health](#) and [National Overdose Prevention Network](#).

MATOD strongly supports the need to fund MAT services in corrections and urges each jurisdiction to include substance use and mental health services in their medical services contracts. To that end, we support amending HB 1162 to create a workgroup that will make recommendations on how:

- To streamline existing state funding to local jurisdictions;
- To ensure all jurisdictions are meeting the requirements of the 2019 law; and
- Local governments should pursue the inclusion of these health care services in their health care contracts.

MATOD urges this committee to amend HB 1162 to create this workgroup and ensure proper health care is available to those who need it.

MATOD members include community and hospital based Opioid Treatment Programs, local Health Departments, local Addiction and Behavioral Health Authorities and Maryland organizations that support evidence-based Medication Assisted Treatment. MATOD members include thousands of highly trained and dedicated addiction counselors, clinical social workers, physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, peer recovery specialists and dedicated staff who work every day to save and transform lives.

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