

Transit Passes for Participating Opioid Treatment Centers
(SB 705, CH 577, Acts of 2020)

A Report to the Maryland General Assembly

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The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) offers this report in response to language contained in Senate Bill 705, Chapter 577, Acts of 2020. The language states:

On or before December 1, 2021, and on or before December 1 each year thereafter, the Administration, in consultation with participating Opioid Treatment Program Providers, shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the status of the implementation of the requirements under this section.

MDOT MTA Implementation Efforts

The MDOT MTA undertook the following efforts related to making available monthly transit passes to Opioid Treatment programs for use by patients of programs that qualify for the disabled reduce fare program:

- The MDOT MTA developed and adopted regulations to establish the process by which a participating opioid treatment program may issue transit passes under this section. Participation requirements and processes were developed in consultation with the MDOT MTA OAG through consultation of applicable COMAR sections.
- In addition to providing contact and organization information, Participating Opioid Treatment Center obligations include maintaining a current license issued by the Maryland Department of Health and providing fare products only to eligible individuals at no cost above the current MDOT MTA pass price. Execution of an MDOT MTA agreement noting the terms and obligations is required.

Summary of Program Activity for October 1, 2020 – through October 1, 2021.

During the period from October 1, 2020, to October 1, 2021, no organizations applied for participation through the program. However, eleven organizations expressed interest and were provided with a cover letter introducing the program, a program summary, and a program application. None of the initial inquiring organizations followed up with interest in joining the program. The MDOT MTA later requested comments from Opioid Treatment Centers who expressed interested in the program and received several comments and one request to re-send the program information. The MDOT MTA is in the process of providing additional information and will continue to work with interested Opioid Treatment Programs to provide information and address any concerns they may have.

The MDOT MTA continues to provide information to inquiries and lists the program opportunity and contact information on the [MDOT MTA website](#).