

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

**A Report to the Maryland General Assembly**

**Maryland Department of Transportation**

**Maryland Transit Administration**

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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. 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 reduced fare program:

- The MDOT MTA developed and adopted regulations to establish the process by which a participating opioid treatment program may issue transit passes. Participation requirements and processes were developed in consultation with the MDOT MTA Office of the Attorney General through consultation of applicable Code of Maryland Regulations 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**

From October 1, 2021, to October 1, 2022, no organizations applied for participation through the program. However, twelve 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 the program. As was done previously, the MDOT MTA will request comments from the Opioid Treatment Centers who expressed interested in the program but did not apply.

The MDOT MTA continues to provide information to inquiries and lists the program opportunity and contact information on the MDOT MTA website, which can be found at:

<https://www.mta.maryland.gov/opioid-centers>.